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**SUBJECT: MEDGAR EDGARS**

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(EVERS)

WASHINGTON--THE BODY OF SLAIN INTEGRATION LEADER MEDGAR EVANS WAS MET TODAY BY SOME 1,000 PERSONS WHO GATHERED AT UNION STATION TODAY TO ESCORT THE HEARSE THROUGH THE STREETS OF THE CAPITAL TO A FUNERAL HOME.

THE FLAG DRAPED COFFIN WAS LOADED ON A BAGGAGE CART AT THE TRAIN STATION AND WHEELED TO THE WAITING HEARSE. BYSTANDERS WATCHED SILENTLY.

LATER, THEY FELL IN BEHIND THE HEARSE TO FOLLOW IT ON A 25-BLOCK PROCESSION TO A FUNERAL HOME IN NORTHWEST WASHINGTON.

ONE WOMAN MADE THE SIGN OF THE CROSS AS THE BAGGAGE CART WENT BY, BUT MOST OF THE ONLOOKERS JUST STARED.

CLARENCE MITCHELL, DIRECTOR THE WASHINGTON BUREAU OF THE NAACP, SAID THAT EVER'S WIFE WOULD ARRIVE IN WASHINGTON TOMORROW WITH HER TWO CHILDREN, DARRYL AND DENISE.

APPROXIMATELY 115 POLICE FLANKED THE CROWD AS IT GATHERED FOR THE PROCESSION. BUT THE GROUP WAS ORDERLY AND QUIET.

ON WEDNESDAY, EVER'S, A VETERAN OF WORLD WAR II, WILL BE BURIED IN ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY WITH FULL MILITARY HONORS.

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WASHINGTON CAPITAL NEWS SERVICE

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(KENNEDY-NEGRO)

WASHINGTON--PRESIDENT KENNEDY WAS "APPALLED BY THE BARBARIITY" OF THE SLAYING OF A TOP NEGRO INTEGRATIONIST LEADER IN JACKSON, MISS., THE WHITE HOUSE SAID TODAY.

"HE HAS BEEN ASSURED BY THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT THAT ITS FULL INVESTIGATORY MACHINERY HAS BEEN PLACED AT THE DISPOSAL OF JACKSON POLICE OFFICIALS IN AN EFFORT TO UNCOVER THE ASSASSIN," A SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE TWO-SENTENCE STATEMENT WAS GIVEN TO REPORTERS BY ACTING PRESS SECRETARY ANDREW T. WATCHER IN RESPONSE TO QUERIES.

THE INTEGRATION STRATEGIST, NAACP OFFICIAL MEDGAR EVERE, JR., WAS SHOT TO DEATH BY A SNIPER EARLY TODAY WHILE RETURNING FROM A CIVIL RIGHTS RALLY.

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ADD SHOOTING REACTION, WASHINGTON  
ATTY. GEN. ROBERT F. KENNEDY EXPRESSED SHOCK AT THE SLAYING AND ORDERED THE FULL SERVICES OF THE FBI TO TRACK DOWN THE KILLER.

THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT SAID THE FBI HAD NOTIFIED JACKSON, MISS., POLICE OFFICIALS THAT ITS "FULL COOPERATION AND SERVICES" WERE AVAILABLE, INCLUDING FACILITIES OF ITS LABORATORIES AND IDENTIFICATION DIVISION.

IN A STATEMENT, THE ATTORNEY GENERAL SAID:

"WE WERE SHATTERED AND SHOCKED BY THE NEWS OF THE MURDER OF MR. EVERE... I THINK ALL OF US SHARE IN THE HOPE THAT THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS CRIME WILL SOON BE FOUND AND PROSECUTED."

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : The Director

DATE:

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FROM : N. P. Callahan

SUBJECT: The Congressional Record

Page 10167. Senator Javits, (R) New York, spoke concerning the  
murder of Medgar W. Evers, field secretary of the National Association for the

Advancement of Colored People, pointing out that this is another reminder of the grim seriousness of the civil rights struggle. He stated "I am sure the Attorney General of the United States will invoke the full resources of the FBI as well as the full power and authority of the executive department under existing law to track down the guilty; and I know he will insist upon the State of Mississippi exercising all its authority toward the same end."

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In the original of a memorandum captioned and dated as above, the Congressional Record for 1963 was reviewed and pertinent items were marked for the Director's attention. This form has been prepared in order that portions of a copy of the original memorandum may be clipped, mounted, and placed in appropriate Bureau case or subject matter files.

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# Denver March, Meeting Honors Evers

About 150 Denver Negroes plus a dozen whites paraded peacefully along sidewalks to Fuller Park Sunday in a demonstration for Medgar Evers, slain civil rights leader.

Singing hymns and carrying small black mourning flags, the marchers moved through 90-degree heat on their 10-block parade to the shady park at E. 28th ave. and Williams st.

There, the group swelled to about 500, who crowded about local Negro leaders and ministers. They eulogized Evers who was shot from ambush in Jackson Miss., June 12.

"You are here to commemorate the death of a great American," declared Irving P. Andrews, a Denver attorney and president of the Colorado unit of the National Assn. for the Advancement of Colored People.

"He is dead today because he was black," Andrews said. "You can never do enough in this man's memory."

"What Evers tried to do in his lifetime was to restore you to your dignity . . . to stand up and be men and women in this country, to be true upright Americans. You are now experiencing and participating in the winds of change," Andrews said.

The demonstration was the first of two scheduled here this week.

Tuesday night, a march from the East Denver park where Sunday's service was held to the City-County Bldg. downtown is scheduled to end with presentation of demands to the city government for an end to all discrimination against Negroes in housing, employment and job advancement.

Among Negro leaders present were the Rev. L. Sylvester Odom, a Methodist minister who heads the Greater East Denver Action

Committee. He delivered the principal speech at the memorial service.

He chided Negroes who did not participate, saying he had seen several along the route of the march "watering their lawns while Rome burns."

He urged them to "get off your porches" and into the fight for equality.

"We need jobs . . . jobs that pay decent salaries," he said. "We need the right to buy homes wherever our money will enable us to buy, without resorting to subterfuge."

He praised Denver police for their co-operation, but said Negroes need assurance police will continue to treat Negroes here fairly and assurance "that those black men on the force can be advanced to positions of authority."

A white minister, the Rev. Jack H. Alford of Denver, of the National Council of the Churches of Christ, was one of the parade leaders.

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Editor: Jack Foster  
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In a quiet memorial parade for Medgar Evers,  
slain civil rights leader, about 150 Denver-march-

ers walked 10 blocks singing hymns in 90-degree  
heat Sunday.

Rocky Mountain News Photo by Mike O'Meara.

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## EVERS' BROTHER, WIFE PRAISE FBI

(The Times-Picayune Capital Bureau)

JACKSON, Miss.—The wife and brother of slain Negro leader Medgar Evers here have expressed their praise of the work done by the Federal Bureau of Investigation in the arrest of a Greenwood white man for the Evers murder.

"I appreciate the work the FBI has done," Mrs. Evers said at her modest home here where her husband was slain by a snipers' bullet June 12.

"I'm too emotional about this still, but in due time I will have more to say."

Meantime, Charles Evers, brother of the dead Negro leader, who has replaced him as state field secretary of the NAACP, declared: "I am gratified that the information supplied by the FBI has resulted in the arrest of a prime suspect in the killing of my brother, Medgar."

Byron De La Beckwith was arrested late Saturday night after the FBI had traced a telescopic gunsight used in the slaying and a fingerprint to him.

The intensive investigation by the FBI required the elimination of 15,000 telescopic sights in the country to establish the probable owner of the sight found on the suspected murder weapon. It also required identifying the correct fingerprint from among 168 million sets of prints in the national FBI files.

A single thumb print was taken from the .30-06 Enfield rifle which was found about 300 yards from the murder scene.

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Mr. Belmont	✓
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Mr. Casper	_____
Mr. Callahan	_____
Mr. Conrad	_____
Mr. DeLoach	_____
Mr. Evans	_____
Mr. Gale	_____
Mr. Rosen	✓
Mr. Sullivan	_____
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Date: JUNE 25, 1963

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Editor:

Title: BYRON DE LA  
BECKWITH: MEDGAR  
EVERS: VICTIM

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## Fingerprints On A Rifle

**THE DILIGENT** and thorough FBI went to work in earnest within minutes after it was learned that a Negro returning from an integration meeting in Mississippi was shot in the back as he left his automobile to enter his home.

It was assumed by the entire nation that the Negro was killed by a white segregationist who had let his prejudice outrun his reason. Now an arrest has been made. A 42-year-old white man in Greenwood, Miss., who is a salesman is the man who was arrested. He is a member of the Citizens Council.

Medgar Evers, the Negro who was killed, became a martyr, his death fanning emotional flames to a new pitch. The murder became one of the most sinister of recent developments in connection with the racial strife.

All Americans with a sense of justice were shocked by the murder and hoped for early apprehension and punishment of the guilty person.

However divergent may be views concerning the racial matter, no true American could condone the murderous step that was taken against Medgar Evans.

Shooting a man in the back under cover of darkness or under any other circumstances is not the way to racial harmony. The Mississippi murder only brought on more strife, engendered more hatred.

The white man arrested Saturday

night in connection with the murder, Byron de la Beckwith, was taken before a U.S. Commissioner. He was told he was not taken before the Commissioner to admit guilty or to plead innocence.

A rifle was found near the home of the murdered Negro. From it the FBI obtained fingerprints. The U.S. Attorney General says much more evidence has been gathered in connection with the case.

If the white man arrested is found to be the guilty person, then certainly he should be subjected to the full penalty provided by law.

Whoever killed Medgar Evers did not take the law in his own hands. The Negro had violated no law. He had conducted himself in a way that had obviously stirred ire. So the man who did the killing was simply giving vent in primitive fashion to raging prejudice.

Whatever may be the outcome of the current civil rights campaign, there will be a continuation of racial prejudice. It exists in other countries and has existed through the ages. Laws cannot erase it and laws cannot bring social acceptance.

But we as the people making up a nation that is leading the free world must be a people of law-abiding citizens, striving especially hard at this critical moment to move forward together with the least friction possible, standing solidly against such incidents as the murder in Mississippi.

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—4 LAKELAND LEDGER

— LAKELAND, FLA.

Date: June 24, 1963

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Author:

Editor: Harris G. Sims

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# We Congratulate Police And FBI Without Pre-judging Evidence

Without giving any pre-trial judgment on the evidence uncovered, and with a definite desire to avoid trying the case in the newspapers, never-the-less we feel commendation is due the Jackson Police Department and the Federal Bureau of Investigation for their work in the Evers case.

For one thing, the cooperation exhibited by the two branches of law enforcement, local and national, has been a fine example of the teamwork which is needed for the proper protection of our people at all levels.

For a second thing, the prompt action of the Jackson police in discovering a weapon that could have been used in the crime is commendable. And commendable also is the careful handling of that discovery by the officers who retrieved it from the weeds and grass into which someone had thrown it.

This careful handling enabled the skill of Captain Ralph Hargrove to locate and de-

velop the latent finger print on the telescopic sight on the weapon. Such things are not super-natural; at the same time, they are not routine. It required knowledge, experience and patience for the accomplishment to be brought about.

For a third thing, the FBI is to be praised for tracking down the set of fingerprints with which the latent print developed by Capt. Hargrove could be matched. Given a full set of ten fingerprints, clearly identifiable, FBI files will easily come through with an identification of an individual whose prints are on file.

But the identification of a lone print is another matter, requiring intensive search of the files and close comparison with possible mates of the print. Again patience, skill and experience are requisites for a completed task.

And so it is that we come to congratulate the Jackson Police Department and the Federal Bureau of Investigation for effective work on the case,—and for working together.

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THE CLARION LEDGER

JACKSON, MISS.

Date: JUNE 25, 1963

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Editor: T. M.

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BYRON DE LA BECKWI

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF  
HINDS COUNTY, STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

JUL 15 1963

N. E. ANDREWS, JR.  
REGULAR DEPT.

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

PLAINTIFF

VS:

NO. 17824

BYRON De La BECKWITH

DEFENDANT

MOTION TO PRODUCE

TO: HONORABLE LEON F. HENDRICK, CIRCUIT JUDGE  
FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF HINDS COUNTY,  
JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI.

Comes now the Defendant, Byron De La Beckwith, by his  
Attorneys of record and respectfully files herewith his  
Motion for the relief hereinafter sought and in support  
thereof avers to the Court the following:-

That the above named Defendant now stands indicted  
by the Grand Jury of the First Judicial District of Hinds  
County, Mississippi, wherein he is charged with the homicide  
of one Medgar Evers in said District, County and State on  
or about June 12, 1963. That on arraignment thereof the  
Defendant entered a plea of not guilty to said charge.

Defendant, through his Attorneys, is informed and  
believes and avers on information and belief that subsequent  
to the alleged homicide one Ralph Hargrove, a member of the  
Police Department of the City of Jackson, Mississippi, made

comparisons and classifications of Defendant's finger prints  
with a certain finger print, or finger prints, which it is  
alleged the said Ralph Hargrove found on a certain telescopic  
sight attached to a certain rifle purportedly being the finger  
print, or finger prints, of Defendant and that said rifle was  
presumably used as a weapon in effecting the death of the  
deceased, Medgar Evers. That the said Ralph Hargrove testified  
at a preliminary hearing in this cause conducted in Municipal  
Court in the City of Jackson, Mississippi, that the finger  
print so found on the telescopic sight attached to the said  
<sup>IDENTICAL TO</sup>  
rifle to be the print of the Defendant, Byron De La Beckwith.

The Defendant has good reason to believe and does  
believe that on a trial in this cause the said Ralph Hargrove  
as a finger print expert will appear and testify for and on  
behalf of the State of Mississippi, alleging that said finger  
print which was found on the telescopic sight on said rifle  
and is identical with the print of the Defendant.

Defendant, by his Attorneys, here, now asserts and  
claims his constitutional and statutory lawful right to be  
confronted by the witnesses against him and to have compulsory  
process for obtaining witnesses in his favor and to have at the  
trial of this cause full, adequate and complete opportunity and  
facilities for cross examination of witnesses testifying against  
him and further asserts and claims that in order to have and  
preserve to the said Defendant such rights, it is necessary  
that the Defendant or his Counsel, within a reasonable time

prior to the trial of said cause, be permitted to examine,  
inspect and have a copy of such finger print, or finger prints,  
taken or developed by the said Ralph Hargrove.

Defendant, by his Counsel, further avers that in order  
to preserve to him said right and in order to afford to him  
full, adequate and complete opportunity and facilities for  
cross examination of the said Ralph Hargrove, it is necessary

that the Defendant have a finger print expert of his own selection  
to examine said finger print, or finger prints, and to make  
comparisons, tests and classification thereof in order that  
his Counsel may have sufficient, intelligent information with  
which to conduct such examination

Defendant further avers that to protect his rights  
he is entitled to and now asserts his right and claim to have  
comparisons, tests and classification of said finger print,  
or finger prints, taken from the said telescopic sight or the  
said rifle made by finger print experts of Defendant's own  
choosing so as to determine whether or not said finger print,  
or finger prints, taken therefrom are in the opinion of such  
finger print expert, of his own choosing, in fact the finger  
print, or finger prints, of the Defendant and to have such  
finger print expert to so testify in contradiction or  
explanation of any testimony that may be offered by the said  
Ralph Hargrove or any other experts of the State's selection  
and choosing that said finger print, or finger prints, are  
in fact those of the Defendant. 3

Defendant asserts and claims that in the event he is put to trial on said charge a denial of his request will constitute denial to him of due process of law and equal protection of law as guaranteed to him by the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Mississippi, in the event such person, or persons, testify for the State that said finger print, or finger prints, found on the telescopic sight or on the rifle are those of the Defendant in that the Defendant thereby would be deprived of an opportunity for full and complete cross examination of such witness, or witnesses, and deprived of a fair and impartial trial for the reasons set out above.

Defendant, by his Attorneys, further avers that in the event he is required to so defend himself in said cause, the facts and subject matter of this Motion are vital and material to his defense against said charge.

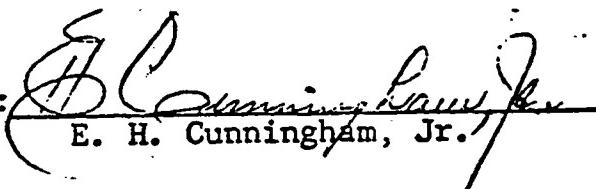
WHEREFORE, Defendant by his Attorneys now moves this Honorable Court to hear evidence and ascertain the present custodian of said finger print, or finger prints, and that under such supervision and direction as the Court may prescribe, the custodian thereof produce and deliver unto the Attorneys for the Defendant and a finger print expert for and on behalf of the Defendant be given opportunity

to make such comparisons, tests and classifications thereof  
as the said Defendant's finger print expert may deem necessary  
to enable him intelligently to advise the Defendant and his  
Counsel in the cross examination of such finger print experts  
as the State may offer as witnesses against this Defendant and  
to enable a finger print expert of the Defendant's own choosing  
to testify for and on behalf of the Defendant on the trial of  
this cause and as evidence in behalf of the Defendant.

Respectfully submitted,

BYRON De LA BECKWITH, DEFENDANT

BY: STANLEY SANDERS  
HARDY LOTI  
E. H. CUNNINGHAM, JR.

BY:   
E. H. Cunningham, Jr.

Of Counsel for Defendant

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
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RE NEW ORLEANS TELETYPE TO BUREAU AUGUST TWO LAST.  
HEARING ON WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS BEGAN THIS MORNING  
BEFORE RANKIN COUNTY CIRCUIT JUDGE O.H. BARNETT. BECKWITH  
IN COURT BEING REPRESENTED BY ATTORNEYS HARDY LOTT AND HUGH  
CUNNINGHAM. DISTRICT ATTORNEY WILLIAM WALLER, JACKSON, MISS.,  
AND ASST. ATTORNEY GENERAL GARLAND LYLE REPRESENTED STATE OF  
MISSISSIPPI.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY WILLIAM WALLER FILED A DEMURRER TO  
DEFENDANT'S PETITION FOR WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS ON GROUNDS  
THAT RANKIN COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT DID NOT HAVE JURISDICTION,  
WHICH DEMURRER JUDGE BARNETT OVERRULED.

DEFENSE ATTORNEYS' JUDGE THAT ORDER UNDER WHICH BECKWITH  
COMMITTED FOR EXAMINATION WAS TOO BROAD IN THAT IT PERMITS AN END PAGE ONE REC-25 / 57-94 355  
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EXAMINATION OF BECKWITH-S MENTAL CAPACITY AT TIME OF ALLEGED CRIME, WHEREAS UNDER MISSISSIPPI LAW MENTAL EXAMINATION CAN ONLY GO INTO BECKWITH-S MENTAL COMPETENCY TO CONDUCT A DEFENSE. FURTHER THAT A BROAD EXAMINATION WOULD AFFORD THE STATE WITNESSES IN THE EVENT SANITY AT THE TIME OF ALLEGED CRIME IS RAISED AS A DEFENSE.

BARNETT ADJOURNED COURT AT APPROXIMATELY TWELVE NOON UNTIL TWO P.M. CST.

SHORTLY AFTER COURT RESUMED AT TWO P.M., JUDGE BARNETT ORDERED BECKWITH REMOVED FROM THE MISSISSIPPI STATE HOSPITAL AT WHITFIELD, MISSISSIPPI AND REMANDED TO THE CUSTODY OF THE SHERIFF OF RANKIN COUNTY, MISS. EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY.

JUDGE BARNETT SAID SECTION TWO FIVE SEVEN FIVE POINT FIVE OF THE MISSISSIPPI CODE OF NINETEEN FORTYTWO UNDER WHICH BECKWITH COMMITTED FOR MENTAL EXAMINATION PROVIDES ONLY FOR AN EXAMINATION QUOTE "TO DETERMINE HIS ABILITY TO MAKE A DEFENSE" UNQUOTE. FURTHER THAT NOWHERE IN THE ORDER OF JUDGE LEON  
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HENDRICK, HINDS COUNTY CIRCUIT JUDGE, DOES IT PROVIDE THAT THE MENTAL EXAMINATION IS FOR THE PURPOSE OF EVALUATING DEFENDANT-S MENTAL CAPACITY TO MAKE A DEFENSE. BARNETT SAID IN HIS OPINION THE ORDER ENTERED BY JUDGE HENDRICK EXCEEDS THE AUTHORITY AS SET OUT IN ABOVE CODE AND THEREFORE, THE PRIOR ORDER IS VOID AND THE DETENTION OF BECKWITH AS A PATIENT IN THE MISSISSIPPI STATE HOSPITAL IS ILLEGAL.

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# State Will Appeal Directive Halting Beckwith's Exams

By W. C. SHOEMAKER  
Daily News Staff Writer

CARTHAGE, Miss. — State attorneys today planned to appeal a circuit judge's action in ending a mental test for Byron De La Beckwith which was ordered by another judge.

Judge O. H. Barnett ruled in Carthage on Friday that Circuit Judge Leon Hendrick of Jackson violated Beckwith's constitutional rights by ordering him subjected to a thorough mental examination before standing trial for murder in the slaying of NAACP leader Medgar Evers.

#### RULES ORDER VOID

Barnett ruled Hendrick's order is void and ordered the Greenwood fertilizer salesman released from Whitfield mental hospital and held by the Rankin County sheriff pending trial in Hinds County.

District Attorney Bill Waller and Assistant state Attorney General Garland Lyell said they will ask Mississippi's Supreme Court to overrule Barnett.

Barnett said Hendrick's order

for a mental examination violated Beckwith's right to speedy trial although Waller had argued the test would not cause postponement of the trial.

The mental test would take from 30 to 90 days, he said, and trial could not normally be held until late October.

Barnett said Hendrick had a legal right to order Beckwith to the mental hospital to determine if he is mentally capable of helping defend himself but that he had no right to order a more complete psychiatric test of his sanity at the time of Evers' slaying.

Barnett took custody of Beckwith from Hinds County authorities and ordered him held in the Rankin jail at Brandon until his case is called for trial in Jackson.

The judge rejected a plea from Waller to allow Hinds Sheriff J. R. Gilfoyle to serve a warrant charging murder on Beckwith in the courtroom at Carthage and return him to jail in Jackson.

Barnett said he will have Rankin Sheriff J. R. Edwards deliver Beckwith to the Hinds Court for trial when the case is called.

Waller also unsuccessfully sought to have Barnett re-commit Beckwith to the mental hospital for such examination as he termed legal. The judge said he had no authority to do so since Beckwith faces no criminal charge in Rankin County.

#### DIVIDED JURISDICTION

Hendricks' court in Hinds County has custody of the murder charge against Beckwith but the mental hospital is located in Rankin County, which is served by Barnett.

Beckwith's attorneys, Hugh Cunningham of Jackson, and Hardy Lott and Stanny Sanders of Greenwood, argued that they brought a habeas corpus plea before Barnett on grounds Hendrick had illegally ordered the mental tests July 19.

Waller and Lyell argued that Barnett had no jurisdiction in the case and should have referred the habeas corpus plea to Hendrick.

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JACKSON DAILY NEWS  
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FBI - NEW ORLEANS

## White Citizens Legal Fund Is Started Today

Local citizens today started a legal fund for use in defending white people involved in civil rights cases.

A spokesman for the group said: "For many years the NAACP has operated a legal defense fund. They have raised and spent millions of dollars on the prosecution of civil court actions involving civil rights and in the defense of individual negroes charged with various crimes, all this in addition to having the avowed comfort, aid and support of the United States Justice Department. Their success is apparent. This fund has enjoyed a tax exempt status for many years."

"Today we see the lives of white citizens both as individuals and in groups swept into the current racial chaos. Many white citizens are unable or hesitant to secure prompt and competent legal assistance."

"We believe the time has come to establish a white citizens legal fund for counter action against various civil rights suits and to provide legal advice and counsel for white citizens who are threatened with or involved in civil rights litigation at the earliest possible moment in all cases where it is deemed necessary and advisable."

"Byron De La Beckwith, an ex Marine wounded in combat, has been charged with the murder of NAACP Field Secretary Medgar Evers. Mr. Beckwith is a 32nd Degree Mason, a Shriner, a Communicant of Episcopal Church, and is a member of the Sons of the American Revolution. We do not condone the murder of Medgar Evers and, of course, we have no idea of the guilt or innocence of the accused but we feel that he is entitled to competent legal counsel and to a fair trial.

"Monies collected for this fund initially will be used to provide legal counsel for Mr. Beckwith if he is found to be in need of funds. The fund will be administered by a committee of prominent Greenwood citizens who will make any decision necessary as to disbursement of funds and it is intended that the fund...

...will be made to acquire a tax exempt status! A spokesman for the fund said anyone who is interested in contributing to mail his check, cash or money order to the White Citizens Legal Fund P. O. Box 738, Greenwood, Mississippi.

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GREENWOOD, MISSISSIPPI

GREENWOOD'S THREE BANK PRESIDENTS ARE ACTING  
FINANCIAL ADVISORS FOR THE FUND.

## Directors Chose For Citizens

Greenwood Group To  
fend Whites In Law

Special to The Commercial Appeal

GREENWOOD, Miss.—A board of directors has been named to handle the White Citizens Legal Fund recently organized here in defending white persons involved in civil rights cases. The fund was started weeks ago after a German, Byron De La Beckwith, was charged with the killing of NAACP Field Secretary Medgar Evers.

Named to the board are A. Barrentine, J. T. Sr., Sam Williams, J. Guson Ellett Lawrence, Frank K. Odom, Hugh J. H. Stanton, A. H. Robert Wingate, Charles Liders, Noll Davis, G. F. Lean and Howard Star.

The presidents of Greenwood's three banks, W. C. Newell Jr., J. H. Peebles, are serving as financial advisers.

A spokesman for the fund said: "We do not condone the murder of Medgar Evers and, of course, we have no idea of the guilt or innocence of the accused but we feel that he is entitled to competent legal counsel and to a fair trial."

He added, "It is hoped that the area of the fund will be broader than in assisting in financing this one defense. When you consider the awesome spectacle of standing alone against a ponderous power, a wealth and ingenuity of the Federal Government, agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Federal marshals, the Jackson County Department and all police authorities of the state of Mississippi, not to mention \$27,000 in reward which staggers the imagination.

It was pointed out that the NAACP has operated a legal defense fund many years and has spent millions of dollars on the prosecution of civil rights cases involving Negroes and in defense of individual Negroes.

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BYRON DE LA BECKWITH, AKA, MEDGAR EVERE DASH VICTIM, GR, RM.

Civil Rights Racial Matters

REURTEL TODAY.

TRIAL COMMENCED NINE A.M. TODAY, HINDS COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT.

APPROXIMATELY TWO HUNDRED JURORS CALLED. ENTIRE DAY TAKEN UP

WITH QUESTIONING PROSPECTIVE JURORS BY DISTRICT ATTORNEY WILLIAM  
CENTRAL STANDARD TIME

WALLER. AS OF FIVE THIRTY P.M. CST TODAY, NO JUROR HAS BEEN ACCEPTED

HOWEVER WALLER HAS COMPLETED QUESTIONING OF THE TWELVE PROSPECTIVE,

JURORS PRESENTLY IN JURY BOX. COURT WAS RECESSED UNTIL SEVEN

THIRTY P.M. TONIGHT WHEN IT IS EXPECTED DEFENSE WILL COMMENCE

QUESTIONING.

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BYRON DE LA BECKWITH, <sup>also known as</sup> AKA MEDGAR EVERE'S DASH VICTIM. OR, RM.

DURING AFTERNOON SESSION OF TRIAL JAN. TWENTYEIGHT, STATE AND DEFENSE CONTINUED EXAMINATION OF PROSPECTIVE JURORS. ONE OF PROSPECTIVE JURORS WAS A NEGRO MALE WHO WAS EXCUSED BY THE COURT WHEN IT WAS BROUGHT OUT ON EXAMINATION THAT JUROR'S FATHER SEVERAL YEARS AGO WAS A MURDER VICTIM SHOT FROM AMBUSH. AT THE CONCLUSION OF TONIGHTS SESSION STATE AND DEFENSE HAD ACCERTED SEVEN <sup>11</sup> JURORS.

SELECTION OF THE REMAINING FIVE SCHEDULED FOR TOMORROW WITH <sup>REC-34</sup> POSSIBILITY TESTIMONY MAY COMMENCE LATE <sup>REC-35</sup> TOMORROW.

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BYRON DE LA BECKWITH, AKA; MEDGAR EVERNS DASH VICTIM DR-RM.

AFTERNOON SESSION BECKWITH TRIAL TAKEN UP WITH EXAMINATION  
PROSPECTIVE JURORS. WHEN COURT RECESSED FOR SUPPER TONIGHT TEN JURORS  
HAD BEEN ACCEPTED BY STATE AND DEFENSE. JUDGE ORDERED SESSION TONIGHT  
AND TOLD ATTORNEYS TO BE PREPARED TO BE THERE UNTIL MIDNIGHT IF  
NECESSARY TO COMPLETE SELECTION OF JURY.

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BYRON DE LA BECKWITH, AKA/ MEDGAR EVERNS DASH VICTIM.

CR RM.

AT THE CONCLUSION OF NIGHT SESSION OF BECKWITH/S TRIAL, JANUARY TWENTYSEVEN, THE STATE ACCEPTED TWELVE JURORS. DURING MORNING SESSION, JANUARY TWENTYEIGHT, DEFENSE ATTORNEY STANLEY SANDERS COMMENCED EXAMINATION OF THESE TWELVE JURORS. ONE OF THESE JURORS WAS EXCUSED BY THE COURT WHEN SANDERS ELICITED FROM HIM THE STATEMENT THAT HE HAD IN THE PAST READ SOME LETTERS TO THE EDITOR OF A LOCAL NEWSPAPER FROM BECKWITH AND HE, THE JUROR, CONSIDERED BECKWITH AN QUOTE EXTREMIST UNQUOTE. TWO OTHER JURORS WERE EXCUSED BY THE COURT FOR OTHER REASONS. IN QUESTIONING JURORS, SANDERS IMPLIED REPEATEDLY THAT BECKWITH IS INNOCENT AND THAT STATE MUST PROVE HIS GUILT BEYOND A REASONABLE DOUBT. AT TIME OF NOON RECESS, DEFENSE HAD NOT ACCEPTED OR REJECTED ANY OF THE TWELVE JURORS PRESENTLY IN BOX. EXAMINATION OF JURORS WILL CONTINUE DURING AFTERNOON. NIGHT SESSION SCHEDULED.

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BYRON DE LA BECKWITH, AKA/ MEDGAR EVERNS DASH VICTIM. CR. RM. 23

AS TRIAL OF BECKWITH RESUMED MORNING OF JANUARY 29  
TWENTYNINE, DEFENSE AND STATE HAD ACCEPTED SEVEN JURORS.

MORNING SESSION TAKEN UP WITH EXAMINATION OF ADDITIONAL  
JURORS BY STATE. AS COURT RECESSED FOR NOON STATE  
ANNOUNCED THAT IT ACCEPTED THE TWELVE JURORS PRESENTLY  
IN THE BOX. DEFENSE COUNSEL WILL EXAMINE THE FIVE NEW REC-53 157-901-419  
JURORS THIS AFTERNOON.

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BYRON DE LA BECKWITH, AKA; MEDGAR EVER<sup>P</sup>S DASH VICTIM. CR, RM

AT CONCLUSION OF MORNING SESSION OF TRIAL, JAN. THIRTY  
SIXTY FOUR, DEFENSE AND STATE HAD ACCEPTED TWELVE JURORS.  
SELECTION OF ONE ALTERNATE JUROR WILL COMMENCE AFTER NOON  
RECESS WITH POSSIBILITY SOME TESTIMONY MAY BE TAKEN TODAY.

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BYRON DE LA BECKWITH, <sup>also known as</sup> AKA. MEDGAR EVERE DASH VICTIM. <sup>Civil Rights</sup> OK,

RM. RE AFTERNOON SESSION OF BECKWITH TRIAL, FEBRUARY ONE,  
INSTANT.

JOHN W. GOZA, OWNER, DUCKS TACKLE SHOP, GRENADA, MISS., TESTIFIED THAT ON MAY TWELVE, SIXTYTHREE, HE TRADED A SIX POWER GOLDEN HAWK UNITED TELESCOPIC CITE TO BYRON DE LA BECKWITH. ALSO SHOWN SCOPE ON RIFLE IN INSTANT CASE AND SAID IT WAS SIMILAR IN ALL RESPECTS TO SCOPE HE TRADED TO BECKWITH, BUT BECAUSE HE HAD NOT RECORDED ANY SERIAL NUMBERS ON SCOPE, COULD NOT STATE DEFINITELY IDENTICAL TO SCOPE TRADED WITH BECKWITH.

MR. O.P. BROWN, DISTRICT MGR., SOUTHERN BELL TELEPHONE, GREENWOOD, MISS., PRODUCED RECORDS SHOWING PHONE CALL MAY FIVE, SIXTYTHREE, FROM BECKWITH HOME TO MR. OR MRS. GOZA, GRENADA MISS., AND PHONE CALL MADE MAY TWELVE, SIXTYTHREE, FROM BECKWITH TO GOZA AT SEVEN TWENTY, THREE P.M. LLOYD M. PRICE,  
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GUNSMITH, JACKSON, MISS., TESTIFIED HE HAD EXAMINED INSTANT SCOPE AND RIFLE AND IN HIS OPINION, THIS SCOPE MOUNTED BY PERSON WITH NO MORE THAN MINIMUM KNOWLEDGE OR ABILITY IN MOUNTING SAME. AT TWO FOURTEEN P.M., COURT RECESSED UNTIL NINE A.M. FEBRUARY THREE, NEXT.

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BYRON DE LA BECKWITH, AKA, MEDGAR EVERNS DASH VICTIM. CR, RM.

BECKWITH TRIAL RECESSED AT FIVE THIRTYFIVE PM TODAY. STATE AND  
DEFENSE HAVE ACCEPTED TWELVE JURORS AND ONE N ALTERNATE. TESTIMONY WILL  
COMMENCE EIGHT THIRTY AM CST TOMORROW.

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RE MORNING SESSION BECKWITH TRIAL, JAN. THIRTYONE.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY WILLIAM WALLER MADE SHORT OPENING STATEMENT TO JURY, STATING HE INTENDED TO TIE BECKWITH TO EVERE MURDER WITH TEN DIFFERENT POINTS. DEFENSE ATTORNEY HARDY LGTT MADE SHORT STATEMENT TO JURY. MADE NO MENTION OF ANTICIPATED PROOF, STATED ONLY BECKWITH NOT GUILTY.

DETECTIVE CAPTAIN BENNIE D. HARRELL /NA/ WAS FIRST WITNESS AND TESTIFIED HE RECEIVED CALL AT ABOUT TWELVE FORTYFIVE AM, JUNE TWELVE LAST RE SHOOTING. REC-139 157-901-423

MRS. MEDGAR EVERE NEXT WITNESS, TESTIFIED AS TO ARRIVAL OF VICTIM AT HOME THAT NIGHT, HEARING SHOT AND FINDING HIS BODY. TESTIFIED ON CROSS EXAMINATION, HUSBAND HAD RECEIVED NUMEROUS TELEPHONE THREATS. DEFENSE COUNSEL ATTEMPTED TO QUESTION HER CONCERNING INTEGRATION ACTIVITIES OF HUSBAND AND WHEN SUCH QUESTIONS OBJECTED TO, DEFENSE, STATED WERE ATTEMPTING TO SHOW OTHERS WOULD HAVE MOTIVE FOR KILLING EVERE FEB 4 1964

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HOUSTON WELLS, NEGRO MALE, NEXT DOOR NEIGHBOR TO EVER<sup>R</sup>S,  
TESTIFIED AS TO ARRIVAL AT SCENE IMMEDIATELY AFTER EVER<sup>S</sup> SHOT.  
WAS NOT CROSS EXAMINED.

JACKSON PD PATROLMAN JOE ALFORD, TESTIFIED HE WAS FIRST  
OFFICER ON SCENE AND TRANSPORTED EVER<sup>S</sup> TO HOSPITAL.  
WAS NOT CROSS EXAMINED.

DR. FOREST G. BRATLEY, M.D., PATHOLOGIST, TESTIFIED HE  
PERFORMED AUTOPSY AND THAT CAUSE OF DEATH WAS HEMORRHAGING  
FROM WOUND CAUSED BY BULLET FROM HIGH POWERED RIFLE.  
WAS NOT CROSS EXAMINED.

DETECTIVE SGT. JOHN H. CHAMBLEE, JACKSON PD, TESTIFIED AS  
TO INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED IMMEDIATELY AFTER SHOOTING, INCLUDING  
GENERAL CRIME SCENE SEARCH. INTRODUCED AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHS OF  
AREA OF EVER<sup>S</sup> HOME AND PHOTOGRAPHS OF EXTERIOR AND INTERIOR OF  
HOME AND PHOTOGRAPHS OF AREA FROM WHICH SHOT ALLEGEDLY FIRED.  
DIRECT EXAMINATION OF CHAMBLEE WAS CONTINUING AT NOON RECESS.

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REMYTEL TODAY RE AFTERNOON SESSION OF BECKWITH TRIAL JANUARY

THIRTYONE, SIXTYFOUR.

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DETECTIVE SGT. JOHN H. CHAMBLEE, JACKSON/PD CROSS EXAMINED BY DEFENSE, NO SIGNIFICANT INFORMATION ELICITED ON CROSS EXAMINATION.

JOE PARKS, CIVIL ENGINEER TESTIFIED HE HAD PREPARED A PLAT OF CRIME SCENE, PLAT INTRODUCED, SHOWED THAT POINT AT WHICH EVERSON'S SHOT WAS IN DIRECT UNOBSTRUCTED LINE WITH CLUMP OF TREES WHERE ASSAILANT WOULD HAVE TO SHOOT.

Police Department

DETECTIVE SGT. FRED SANDERS, JACKSON/PD TESTIFIED AS TO CRIME SCENE SEARCH AND INTRODUCED SPENT SLUG FOUND IN EVERSON'S KITCHEN.

MRS. BETTY COLEY, TESTIFIED THAT SHE AND KENNETH ADCOCK WERE WALKING ON STREET NEAR SPOT WHERE SHOT ALLEGEDLY FIRED, HEARD SHOT AND HEARD PERSON RUNNING IMMEDIATELY AFTER SHOT. KENNETH ADCOCK TESTIFIED SUBSTANTIALLY SAME.

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DETECTIVE SGT. O.M. LUKE JACKSON/PD TESTIFIED AS TO FINDING RIFLE.

INNES THORNTON MC INTYRE, ITTA BENE, MISS., TESTIFIED RE PURCHASING RIFLE FROM INTERNATIONAL FIRE-ARMS COMPANY IN FEBRUARY NINETEEN FIFTY-NINE AND TRADING SAME TO BECKWITH. AFTER EXAMINING GUN FOUND AT SCENE HE STATED IN HIS OPINION THIS WAS GUN HE HAD TRADED TO BECKWITH.

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RE MORNING SESSION BECKWITH TRIAL, FEBRUARY THREE, SIXTYFOUR.

FORMER SHERIFF J. R. GILFOY, HINDS COUNTY, TESTIFIED WAS PRESENT JACKSON PD WHEN RIFLE FOUND AT MURDER SCENE BROUGHT IN. TESTIFIED AS TO OBSERVING FINGERPRINT EXAMINATION AND TESTIFIED THAT IMMEDIATELY AFTER BREECH WAS OPENED AND EMPTY SHELL EJECTED, HE SMELLED OF BREECH AND DETERMINED IT HAD BEEN VERY RECENTLY FIRED. WAS NOT CROSS EXAMINED REGARDING HIS OPINION RECENTLY FIRED BUT WAS QUESTIONED AS TO WHETHER OR NOT MAY HAVE BEEN OIL ON GUN.

CAPTAIN RALPH HARGROVE, IDENTIFICATION OFFICER, JACKSON PD, TESTIFIED HE PHOTOGRAPHED EVERE BODY AT HOSPITAL AND MADE PHOTOGRAPHS CRIME SCENE, AND THAT HE EXAMINED INSTANT REC-53 FILE FOR LATENTS AND DEVELOPED ONLY ONE GOOD LATENT WHICH WAS ON SCORE ST-107 157-907-425 5-5 1964 STATED ON DIRECT TESTIMONY THAT PRINT QUOTE "JUMPED UP UNQUOTE WHEN PUT POWDER ON IT AND SAID QUOTE THERE WAS AN ABUNDANT AMOUNT OF PERSPIRATION IN LATENT" UNQUOTE. WAS ASKED IF HE HAD AN

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OPINION AS TO THE AGE OF LATENT. DEFENSE OBJECTED AND COURT OVERRULED OBJECTION. STATED QUOTE I BELIEVE THIS PRINT IS NOT OVER TWELVE HOURS OLD UNQUOTE. SAID HIS OPINION FORMED BASED ON THE CONSIDERATION OF CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING WHERE RIFLE FOUND. TESTIFIED THAT ON JUNE TWENTYTHREE, LAST, FINGERPRINTED BECKWITH AND COMPARED FINGERPRINTS AGAINST LATENT. DEFENSE OBJECTED TO TESTIMONY CONCERNING FINGERPRINTING OF BECKWITH INASMUCH AS BECKWITH, ACCORDING TO HARGROVE, SAID QUOTE I OBJECT TO HAVING MY FINGERPRINTS BEING MADE UNQUOTE. DEFENSE CONTENDED THIS WAS VIOLATION OF BECKWITH-S CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS. JUDGE OVERRULED OBJECTION. HARGROVE TESTIFIED THAT LATENT WAS IDENTICAL WITH RIGHT INDEX FINGER OF BECKWITH, BASED ON FOURTEEN POINTS OF IDENTIFICATION. IN TESTIMONY, HARGROVE USED COLORED SLIDE SHOWING LATENT FINGERPRINT SIDE BY SIDE WITH THE ROLLED IMPRESSION.

HARGROVE WAS CROSS EXAMINED BY DEFENSE ATTORNEY HARDY LOTT FOR APPROXIMATELY ONE AND ONE HALF HOURS. LOTT ATTACKED HIS QUALIFICATIONS BY SHOWING HARGROVE WAS GRADUATE OF INSTITUTE

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OF APPLIED SCIENCE, A CORRESPONDENCE SCHOOL, AND THAT HARGROVE HAD ONLY HIGH SCHOOL EDUCATION. ALSO SPENT CONSIDERABLE TIME ATTEMPTING TO ATTACK IDENTIFICATION OF THE LATENT AS THAT OF BECKWITH-S PRINT. ALSO QUESTIONED HARGROVE CONCERNING FACT THAT OTHER PORTIONS OF LATENTS MAY HAVE BEEN DEVELOPED ON GUN WHICH WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN COMPARABLE WITH BECKWITH-S PRINTS. HARGORVE TESTIFIED IN THAT REGARD THAT THE ONE LATENT HE DEVELOPED WAS ONLY LATENT WHICH BORE ANY CHARACTERISTICS SUITABLE FOR IDENTIFICATION, AND THAT ANYTHING ELSE DEVELOPED WERE SMEARS AND SMUDGES. LOTT ALSO SPENT CONSIDERABLE TIME CROSS EXAMINING CONCERNING LENGTH OF TIME FINGERPRINT WOULD LAST. HARGROVE SAID WOULD LAST, INDEFINITE PERIOD OF TIME DEPENDING ON SURROUNDINGS. ASKED HARGROVE COMPOSITION OF LATENT FINGERPRINT, AND HARGROVE STATED MADE UP OF PERSPIRATION, SALT AND OIL. LOTT QUOTED BOOKLET, SCIENCE OF FINGERPRINT EXAMINATION, PUBLISHED BY FBI AND READ CERTAIN PORTIONS DEALING WITH FACT THAT SUBSTANCE ON FINGERPRINT RIDGES ON HAND COULD BE OILS AND OTHER SECRETIONS FROM BODY AND HAIR WHERE HAND WOULD HAVE COME IN CONTACT WITH SAME. QUOTED FROM MEDICAL BOOKLET SHOWING THAT PERSPIRATION IS MADE UP OF

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VARIOUS DIFFERENT TYPES OF CHEMICAL IN VARIOUS PORTIONS OF THE BODY. ALSO ASKED IF BLOWING HOT HUMID BREATH OVER AN UNDEVELOPED LATENT WOULD ASSIST IN BRINGING THIS LATENT OUT. HARGROVE STATED UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES THIS PROCEDURE WOULD ASSIST IN DEVELOPING LATENT.

LOTT CITED A NINETEEN FIFTYEIGHT MURDER CASE IN WHICH HARGROVE TESTIFIED IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION THAT THERE WAS NO WAY TO TELL HOW LONG A FINGERPRINT HAD BEEN ON A GUN IN THAT CASE. OR REDIRECT EXAMINATION, HARGROVE STATED THAT IN NINETEEN FIFTYEIGHT CASE, CIRCUMSTANCES WERE DIFFERENT, MURDER WEAPON HAD BEEN FOUND IN A ROOM, AND THE SURROUNDINGS DIFFERENT FROM INSTANT CASE.

ON CROSS EXAMINATION, HARGROVE GENERALLY CONFINED HIS JUSTIFICATION OF OPINION AS TO AGE OF FINGERPRINT ON EXTERIOR FACTS SUCH AS LOCATION OF GUN, NO INDICATION THAT LEAVES, OR TWIGS, HAD BRUSHED AGAINST LATENT, AND LACK OF EVIDENCE OF DUST OR DEW OVER LATENT FINGERPRINT. DID NOT STATE ON EITHER DIRECT OR CROSS THAT THERE WAS ANY SCIENTIFIC METHOD FOR

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DETERMINING AGE OF FINGERPRINT, AND THIS WAS HIS OPINION ONLY.

EXAMINATION OF HARGROVE COMPLETED AT NOON RECESS.

FBI FINGERPRINT EXAMINER GEORGE GOODREAU SCHEDULED AS FIRST  
STATE WITNESS AFTER NOON RECESS.

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FROM NEW ORLEANS /157-1163/ 4 P

BYRON DE LA BECKWITH, AKA. MEDGAR EVERSON, VICTIM.

CR, RM.

RE MORNING SESSION BECKWITH TRIAL, FEB. FOUR.

ROBERT LEROY PITTMAN, TEENAGE SON OF OPERATORS, PITTMAN GROCERY, LOCATED VICINITY EVERSON'S HOME, TESTIFIED THAT SATURDAY NIGHT BEFORE SHOOTING SAW WHITE VALIANT AUTO PARKED NEAR FATHER'S STORE ABOUT TEN THIRTY PM. SAW LONG ANTENNA ON BACK OF THIS CAR. STATED PHOTO OF BECKWITH'S CAR LOOKED LIKE CAR HE SAW. TESTIFIED THAT ON NIGHT EVERSON SHOT HE SAW WHITE VALIANT PASSING BY SLOWLY ABOUT NINE FIFTEEN PM. TESTIFIED THAT SHORTLY AFTER SHOOTING HE WENT OVER TO EVERSON'S RESIDENCE AND MRS. EVERSON CUSSED HIM OUT AND HE RAN OFF.

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MARTHA GENE O'BRIEN, WHO WAS <sup>EX-115</sup> AT JOE'S DRIVE-IN, NIGHT OF MURDER, TESTIFIED THAT DURING PERIOD EIGHT THIRTY TO TEN PM, NIGHT OF JUNE ELEVEN, SHE SAW WHITE <sup>12 FEB 5 1964</sup> VEHICLE WITH LONG AERIAL ARRIVE ON LOT OF DRIVE-IN. MAN GOT

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OUT AND WENT TO REST ROOM. GOT BACK IN CAR AND BACKED CAR INTO CORNER OF LOT. DID NOT SEE IT LEAVE. COULD NOT IDENTIFY DRIVER AS BECKWITH.. TESTIFIED LATER SAW BECKWITH/S WHITE VALIANT, POSITIVELY IDENTIFIED IT AS CAR SHE HAD SEEN IN LOT.

RONALD JONES, TEENAGER, FRIEND OF ROBERT PITTMAN, SUPRA, TESTIFIED HE WAS WITH ROBERT PITTMAN NIGHT EVER'S KILLED. TESTIFIED SAW WHITE VALIANT WITH HIGH ANTENNA PASS BY PITTMAN/S GROCERY SLOWLY. TESTIFIED AS TO GOING OVER TO EVER'S HOUSE AFTER SHOOTING AND THAT MRS. EVER'S SAID SOMETHING AND HE AND ROBERT PITTMAN RAN OFF. TESTIFIED ON CROSS-EXAMINATION THAT HE HEARD THREE SHOTS ON NIGHT OF MURDER, ONE WAS WHEN HE WAS RUNNING FROM EVER'S HOUSE AND AT SAME TIME OF SHOT HEARD SOMETHING LIKE /A ROCK/ HIT BUILDING NEAR HIM.

RONNIE MARK ACY, AGE SIXTEEN, EMPLOYED PITTMAN/S GROCERY, TESTIFIED SAT. NIGHT BEFORE SHOOTING OBSERVED WHITE VALIANT AUTO PARKED ALONGSIDE PITTMAN/S GROCERY. HAD LONG ANTENNA ON REAR WITH SHRINER EMBLEM HANGING FROM CHAIN FROM REAR VIEW MIRROR. SAW NO ONE IN CONNECTION WITH CAR.

BARBARA ANN HOLDER, AGE TWENTYTWO, TESTIFIED SHE WAS  
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CUSTOMER IN JOE/S DRIVEIN NIGHT OF JUNE ELEVEN. HAD FORMERLY WORKED THERE AS WAITRESS. TESTIFIED WHILE THERE SHE OBSERVED WHITE VALIANT WITH RADIO ANTENNA ON BACK AND DIRTY CONDITION PULL UP NEXT TO DRIVEIN AND MAN GOT OUT OF CAR AND WENT INTO REST ROOM. SAW HIM COME OUT OF REST ROOM, GET IN CAR AND BACK CAR UP TO REAR OF LOT, WHERE HE SAT IN CAR. TESTIFIED CAR WAS STILL THERE WHEN SHE LEFT AT APPROXIMATELY ELEVEN THIRTY PM THAT NIGHT. WAS SHOWN PHOTO OF BECKWITH/S CAR AND TESTIFIED /THAT-S THE CAR I SAW THAT NIGHT./ DISTRICT ATTORNEY BILL WALLER ASKED HER IF SHE HAD AN OPINION AS TO THE IDENTITY OF MAN WHO WAS DRIVING. DEFENSE OBJECTED TO QUESTION AND JURY EXCLUDED WHILE COUNSEL ARGUED OBJECTION. SHE TESTIFIED TO COURT IN ABSENCE OF JURY AS FOLLOWS/

/FROM PICTURES I HAVE SEEN AND HIS DESCRIPTION AND ALL CIRCUMSTANCES, I BELIEVE IT WAS BECKWITH./

JUDGE SUSTAINED DEFENSE OBJECTION TO HER TESTIFYING AS TO OPINION. SHE WAS NOT CROSS-EXAMINED.

SPECIAL AGENT SAM H. ALLEN, JR., FBI, MEMPHIS DIVISION, TESTIFIED AS TO CONTACT WITH BECKWITH JUNE TWENTYONE FOR PURPOSE OF INQUIRY RE BECKWITH/S PURCHASE OF TELESCOPIC SIGHT AND TESTIFIED AS TO BECKWITH/S /NO COMMENT/ RESPONSE.

- SA V. WALSER PROSPERE, FBI, MEMPHIS DIVISION,  
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TESTIFIED WAS PRESENT WITH SA ALLEN AND CORROBORATED ALLEN/S TESTIMONY ABOVE. ALSO TESTIFIED AS TO EVENTS LEADING UP TO ARREST OF BECKWITH BY AGENTS JUNE TWENTYTWO LAST.

DETECTIVE JOHN CHAMBLEE, JACKSON PD, TESTIFIED BECKWITH ANSWERED ALL QUESTIONS CONCERNING MURDER OF MEDGAR EVERES WITH NO COMMENTS OR WORDS TO THAT EFFECT. TESTIFIED BECKWITH WAS OFFERED OPPORTUNITY TO EXPLAIN SCAR ON FOREHEAD AND ASKED TO FURNISH WHEREABOUTS NIGHT OF KILLING BUT DECLINED TO DO SO.

SA JOSEPH G. PEGGS, FBI, NEW ORLEANS DIVISION, TESTIFIED THAT ON JUNE TWENTYTHREE HE OBSERVED CIRCULAR-SHAPED SCAR OVER BECKWITH/S RIGHT EYE AND WHEN QUESTIONED BECKWITH AS TO POSSIBILITY THIS WAS SCAR FROM TELESCOPIC SIGHT, BECKWITH MADE NO COMMENT ANSWER.

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BM. RE MORNING SESSEION BECKWITH TRIAL, FEBRUARY ONE, INSTANT.

SA FRANCIS FINLEY, MEMPHIS DIVISION, TESTIFIED AS TO RECEIVING FIFTY THREE EMPTY CARTRIDGE CASES FROM INNES T. MC INTYRE, ITTA BENA, MISSISSIPPI, ONE TWENTY FOUR, SIXTY THREE, AND TURNING OVER SAME TO SA DONALD J. STORAKER, NEW ORLEANS DIVISION. SA STORAKER TESTIFIED AS TO RECEIPT OF SAME AND THAT HE TURNED THEM OVER TO SA RICHARD J. POPPLETON, FBI LAB. SA POPPLETON TESTIFIED THAT HE DETERMINED THIRTY OF THESE CARTRIDGE CASES FIRED FROM RIFLE FOUND NEAR MURDER SCENE AND TESTIFIED AS TO HIS EXAMINATION OF SIX CARTRIDGES AND ONE CARTRIDGE CASE FOUND IN RIFLE. HE ALSO TESTIFIED AS TO HIS EXAMINATION OF BULLET FOUND IN EVERE'S HOME. SA POPPLETON TESTIFIED THAT EVIDENCE BULLET WAS FIRED FROM AN ENFIELD RIFLE SIMILAR TO ONE FOUND NEAR EVERE'S HOME, BUT THAT IT WAS TOO MUTULATED TO IDENTIFY WITH THIS GUN. SA.

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SAMUEL E. VIRDEN, II, NEW ORLEANS DIVISION, TESTIFIED AS TO RECEIVING RIFILE, SIX ROUNDS OF AMMUNITION, ONE CARTRIDGE CASE AND ONE BULLET FROM JACKSON POLICE DEPARTMENT AND TRANSPORTING SAME TO WASHINGTON, D.C. AND RETURN.

AFTERNOON SESSION OF COURT WILL BE HELD.

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RE AFTERNOON SESSION BECKWITH TRIAL 2-4-64.

LLOYD M. PRICE, GUNSMITH, JACKSON MISS., TESTIFIED AS TO CONDUCTING EXPERIMENTS WITH INSTANT RIFLE AT NIGHT, STATED IN NORMAL FIRING POSITION PERSONS EYE WOULD BE ABOUT ONE AND THREE EIGHTS INCHES FROM SCOPE. DR. FOREST G. BRATLEY PATHOLOGIST TESTIFIED EXAMINED BECKWITH JUNE TWO THREE LAST. OBSERVED SCAR NEAR RIGHT EYEBROW WAS OPINION SCAR HAD BEEN PRESENT LESS THAN THIRTY DAYS AND AT LEAST TEN DAYS. STATED THAT SCAR WOULD HAVE BEEN MADE BY SCOPE ON INSTANT RIFLE OR SIMILAR OBJECT. STATED RESTED CASE AT THIS POINT. DEFENSE MOVED FOR DIRECTED VERDICT OF AQUITTAL FOR DEFENDANT. MOTION OVERRULED. FIRST DEFENSE WITNESS WAS MRS. WILLIE MAE PATTERSON WHO RESIDED NEAR EVERNS HOME. STATED AFTER HEARING SHOTS NIGHT OF MURDER RAN TO FRONT DOOR REC-18 157-901413 SAW VICTIM FALL AND ABOUT ONE MINUTE LATER SAW THREE PERSONS RUNNING DOWN STREET. ON CROSS EXAMINATION SHE SAID NOT SURE OF IDENTIFICATION OF PERSONS AND THAT ONE OF THESE PERSONS COULD HAVE BEEN WOMAN WEARING SLACKS.

LEE H. COCKRELL TESTIFIED HE OWNED AND OPERATED LEE/S DRIVE INN AKA JOE/S DRIVE INN NEAR EVERNS HOME. TESTIFIED NIGHT OF MURDER ARRIVED DRIVE INN ABOUT ELEVEN THIRTY P.M. DID NOT SEE END OA PAGE ONE FEB 11 1964 195

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VALIANT AUTOMOBILE ON LOT. TESTIFIED COOK TOLD HIM OF SHOOTING  
DID NOT HEAR SHOTS, DID NOT SEE OR HEAR ANY CAR SUBSEQUENTLY LEAVE PARK-  
ING LOT OF DRIVE INN. ON CROSS EXAMINATION TESTIFIED ATTENTION  
DIVERTED BY SOME DRUNKS IN FRONT OF PLACE. HE ADMITTED THAT HE WAS  
NOT ALWAYS IN A POSITION TO OBSERVE CAR LEAVING.

DORIS SUMRALL, WAITRESS JOE/S DRIVE INN, NIGHT OF  
MURDER TESTIFIED DID NOT SEE OR HEAR AUTO LEAVING PARKING LOT.

ANCIE LEE HAVEN, WAITRESS JOE/S DRIVE INN, WORKED NIGHT OF  
MURDER TILL ELEVEN PM TESTIFIED SHE SAW WHITE OR CREAM COLORED  
DODGE PARKED AT BACK OF LOT SAID WAS NOT VALIANT AND NOT  
BECKWITHS CAR. DISTRICT ATTORNEY INTRODUCED STATEMENT TAKEN  
FROM HER JANUARY TWO SEVEN LAST BY JACKSON PD WHICH  
SHE SAID AUTOMOBILE SHE SAW WAS WHITE DODGE OR PLYMOUTH.

COURT RECESSED UNTIL EIGHT THIRTY AM TOMORROW. 2-5-64.

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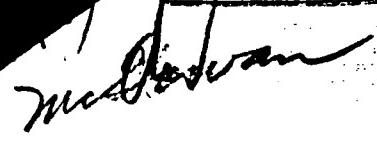
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CR, RM.

RE MORNING SESSION BECKWITH TRIAL, FEB. FIVE, INSTANT.

ROY E. ADKINS AND WENDELL STRINGER, EMPLOYEES OF FUNERAL HOME IN JACKSON, TESTIFIED THEY WERE PART OF LINEUP AT JACKSON PD SUNDAY AFTER BECKWITH'S ARREST. TESTIFIED PERSONS IN LINEUP INCLUDING BECKWITH WORE TROUSERS, SHIRTS, AND TIES, BUT THAT BECKWITH HAD NO BELT OR JEWELRY ON PERSON AND THAT HE WAS WEARING SHIRT MONOGRAMMED QUOTE BDB UNQUOTE.

ON CROSS EXAMINATION, ADKINS ADMITTED HE WAS VERY SIMILAR IN ALL PERSONAL APPEARANCES, WITH BECKWITH AND STATED DID NOT KNOW WHAT IDENTIFICATION HAD BEEN MADE FROM LINEUP.

ON CROS S EXAMINATION, STRINGER WAS UNABLE TO SPECIFICALLY RECALL HOW OTHER PERSONS IN LINEUP DRESSED.

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MRS. ETHEL MAE MC COY, OPERATOR OF A BAIT STORE ON DELTA DRIVE NEAR PITTMAN'S GROCERY STORE IN AREA OF EVER'S RESIDENCE, TESTIFIED SHE HEARD A SHOT NIGHT OF MURDER, LOOKED OUT HER WINDOW IN DIRECTION OF PITTMAN'S GROCERY AND JOE'S DRIVE IN AND DID NOT SEE ANYONE OR ANY CAR LEAVING AREA.

MRS. MARY BRANCH, SIDON, MISS., WHICH IS EIGHT MILES SOUTH OF GREENWOOD, MISS., TESTIFIED THAT ON NIGHT OF JUNE NINE, LAST, SHE AND SON WENT TO GREYHOUND BUS STATION IN GREENWOOD AND AT ABOUT NINE THIRTY PM PARKED NEAR BUS STATION. AT THAT TIME SAW A MAN NEAR CAR PARKED ON LOT. THIS CAR LATER IDENTIFIED AS BECKWITH'S CAR. COULD NOT TELL WHAT MAN WAS DOING NEAR CAR BUT SAW HIM GO FROM WHITE CAR TO PICKUP TRUCK PARKED NEARBY. WAS ASKED IF HE WAS CARRYING ANYTHING AND SAID SHE COULD NOT TELL. DESCRIBED HIM AS FORTYFIVE TO FIFTY, HEAVY, TALL, WEARING SUN GLASSES, WITH WHITE HAT. STATED OBSERVED BECKWITH COME OUT OF GREENWOOD BUS STATION.

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CHARLES BRANCH, SON OF MARY BRANCH, TESTIFIED THAT HE AND MOTHER WERE AT GREENWOOD BUS STATION AS SET OUT ABOVE. SAW CAR ON LOT WHICH HE KNEW TO BE BECKWITH'S. SAW A MAN GETTING IN OR OUT OF BECKWITH'S CAR. CHARLES BRANCH THEN WENT INTO GREYHOUND STATION AND TALKED TO BECKWITH. WAS NOT ALLOWED TO SAY WHAT BECKWITH AND HE DISCUSSED. BECKWITH THEN CAME OUT OF BUS STATION AND WENT OVER TO SEE THE MAN WHO HAD BEEN NEAR BECKWITH'S CAR AND WAS THEN AT A PICKUP TRUCK NEARBY. TESTIFIED ALSO HE SAW SCAR OVER BECKWITH'S EYE AT THIS TIME. ON CROSS EXAMINATION STATED HE AND BECKWITH WERE GOOD FRIENDS, THAT HE HAD NOT REPORTED THIS INFORMATION TO THE POLICE AND THAT HE WOULD LIKE TO SEE BECKWITH ACQUITTED.

FRED CONNER, SIDON, MISS., EMPLOYED NIGHTS AT GREYHOUND BUS STATION, TESTIFIED HE IS ACQUAINTED WITH BECKWITH AND SAW BECKWITH AT BUS STATION NIGHT OF JUNE NINE, LAST. SAID BECKWITH CAME IN BETWEEN SIX AND SEVEN PM AND STAYED FEW  
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MINUTES. STATED BECKWITH RETURNED ABOUT EIGHT THIRTY PM SAME NIGHT AND STAYED ABOUT ONE HOUR. TESTIFIED HE SAW SCAR OVER BECKWITH'S EYE JUNE NINE, LAST.

CONNER ALSO TESTIFIED THAT ON THE NIGHT OF TUESDAY, JUNE ELEVEN, LAST, HE ATE SUPPER WITH BECKWITH BETWEEN SIX AND SEVEN PM AT THE CRYSTAL GRILL CAFE IN GREENWOOD. TESTIFIED BECKWITH APPEARED NORMAL AND CALM.

C.E. BROOKS, BIRMINGHAM, ALA., WHO IDENTIFIED HIMSELF AS SELF EMPLOYED INDEPENDENT CONSULTANT TO ATTORNEYS IN FORENSIC SCIENCE MATTERS, TESTIFIED. DEFENSE ATTORNEYS ATTEMPTED TO QUALIFY HIM AS FINGERPRINT EXPERT. DISTRICT ATTORNEY EXAMINED HIM VIGOROUSLY ON HIS QUALIFICATIONS AS FINGERPRINT EXPERT, AND AFTER EXAMINATION JUDGE RULED THAT BROOKS WAS NOT A QUALIFIED EXPERT ON FINGERPRINTS. DEFENSE ATTORNEY THEN ATTEMPTED TO QUALIFY BROOKS AS AN EXPERT TO SHOW HIS QUALIFICATIONS TO TESTIFY AS TO DETERMINING THE LENGTH OF TIME THAT A LATEN FINGERPRINT HAS EXISTED. AFTER  
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ADDITIONAL QUESTIONING, COURT STATED WITNESS WOULD BE ALLOWED TO TESTIFY IN THIS REGARD BUT INSTRUCTED THE JURY THAT WITNESS' CREDITABILITY WILL BE SAME AS ANY OTHER WITNESS.

BROOKS SPENT CONSIDERABLE TIME DISCUSSING COMPOSITION OF LATENT FINGERPRINTS AND SPENT CONSIDERABLE TIME DEVELOPING FACT THAT COMPOSITION OF FINGERPRINTS WOULD INCLUDE VARIOUS FOREIGN MATTERS, SUCH AS HAIR OIL, MARGARINE OR OTHER GREASY SUBSTANCES. TESTIFIED THAT HE HAS EXPERIMENTED IN PAST [REDACTED] IN EFFORT TO DETERMINE IF AGE OF LATENT FINGERPRINT CAN BE DETERMINED AND TESTIFIED THAT WITHOUT KNOWING THE SUBSTANCE OF LATENT FINGERPRINT, THERE WOULD BE NO MEANS BY WHICH TO DETERMINE THE LENGTH OF TIME LATENT FINGERPRINT HAD BEEN ON AN OBJECT. SAID HE WOULD HAVE TO STATE THAT A FINGERPRINT EXPERT WHO LIFTED LATENT COULD HAVE AN OPINION AS TO THE LENGTH OF TIME A LATENT FINGERPRINT WAS ON AN OBJECT.

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RE AFTERNOON SESSION BECKWITH TRIAL TWO THREE SIXTYFOUR.

BUREAU FINGERPRINT EXAMINER GEORGE GOODREAU TESTIFIED TO THE LATENT IDENTIFICATION OF BECKWITH, WAS NOT QUESTIONED ON DIRECT OR CROSS EXAMINATION AND NO TESTIMONY WAS OFFERED CONCERNING AGE OF LATENTS.

HUBBARD R. SPRIGHT, CAB DRIVER JACKSON TESTIFIED ON JUNE SEVEN LAST WAS PARKED IN FRONT OF TRAILWAYS BUS STATION JACKSON MISSISSIPPI FOUR PM. INDIVIDUAL HE POSITIVELY IDENTIFIED AS BECKWITH APPROACHED AND ASK HIM IF HE KNEW NEGRO MEDGAR EVERE, NAACP LEADER. SPRIGHT DID NOT. STATED OBSERVED BECKWITH ENTER BUS STATION THREE SEPERATE OCCASSIONS, CHECK PHONE BOOK, AND EACH TIME CAME OUT AND ASKED ABOUT CERTAIN ADDRESSES AND RETURNED TO RECHECK PHONE BOOK AFTER BEING TOLD ADDRESSES MENTIONED WERE WHITE NEIGHBORHOODS. MAINTAINED HIS POSITIVE IDENTIFICATION UNDER CROSS EXAMINATION.

LEE SWILLEY, CAB DRIVER JACKSON TESTIFIED WAS PRESENT WITH SPRIGHT AT ABOVE TIME. COORBORATED SPRIGHTS TESTOMONY, POSITIVELY IDENTIFIED BECKWITH AND SAID BECKWITH COMMENTED REGARDING EVERE QUOTE "I GOT TO FIND WHEREHE LIVES IN A COUPLE DAYS" UNQUOTE

W. T. LEE, OFFICE MANAGER ITB TESTIFIED PHONE DIRECTORY IN USE JUNE SIXTYTHREE DID NOT CONTAIN LISTING FOR EVERE AS THIS WAS NON PUBLISHED NUMBER.

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DEWITT WALCOTT, GREENVILLE, MISS., OPERATOR DELTA LIQUID PLANT FOOD CO., BECKWITHS EMPLOYER, TESTIFIED BECKWITH CONSTANTLY DROVE COMPANY CAR WHICH WAS A NINETEEN SIXTYONE WHITE PLYMOUTH VALIENT AND HAD UNRESTRICTED USE OF SAME. ON CROSS EXAMINATION TESTIFIED ON JUNE TEN LAST BECKWITH SHOWED HIM TARGETS WHICH HE SAID HE SHOT WITH RIFLE. SAID ALSO OBSERVED CUT SCAR OVER BECKWITHS RIGHT EYE ON JUNE TEN. WALCOTT WAS ASKED BY DEFENSE ATTY. IF BECKWITH HAD TOLD HIM HIS GUN WAS STOLEN, STATES OBJECTION TO THIS QUESTION SUSTAINED AND QUESTION NOT ANSWERED.

B.L. PITTMAN, GROCER IN AREA EVER'S HOME TESTIFIED THURSDAY BEFORE MURDER, A WHITE MAN WEARING DARK GLASSES WAS IN AREA NEAR OF HIS GROCERY STORE LOOKING AROUND AND HAD VIEW OF EVER'S HOUSE FROM THIS SPOT. COULD NOT MAKE POSITIVE IDENTIFICATION THAT THIS MAN WAS BECKWITH  
MRS. B.L. PITTMAN TESTIFIED SAME AS HUSBAND.

COURT RECESSED UNTIL EIGHT THIRTY AM TWO FOUR SIXTYFOUR.  
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AS OF NINE FIFTEEN PM CST FEBRUARY SIX BECKWITH JURY HAD NOT

REACHED A DECISION. JUDGE DIRECTED JURY TO RETIRE FOR NIGHT TO RESUME  
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RE AFTERNOON SESSION BECKWITH TRIAL, FEB. FIVE, INSTANT.

L.B. BAYNARD, BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA FORMERLY WITH LOUISIANA STATE POLICE BUREAU OF IDENTIFICATION TESTIFIED AS FINGERPRINT EXPERT AND SAID NO WAY TO TELL AGE OF LATENT FINGERPRINT.

JOHN BOOK, GREENWOOD, MISSISSIPPI, JAMES MC COY, SR., AND JAMES MC COY, JR., GREENWOOD, MISSISSIPPI TESTIFIED THEY SAW SCAR OVER BECKWITH/S EYE ON JUNE TEN LAST.

ROY JONES, OPERATOR NEON SIGN COMPANY AND AUXILIARY POLICE OFFICER GREENWOOD, MISS., TESTIFIED HE SAW BECKWITH ELEVEN FORTYFIVE PM JUNE ELEVEN LAST IN GREENWOOD.

L.T. HOLLIS CRESSWELL AND PATROLMAN JAMES HOLLY, GREENWOOD, MISS., POLICE DEPARTMENT TESTIFIED THEY SAW BECKWITH/S WHITE VALANT ONE ZERO FIVE AM JUNE TWELVE LAST.

BECKWITH TOOK THE STAND, TESTIFIED DID NOT SHOOT EVERE'S CLAIMS WAS NOT IN JACKSON, DENIED CONVERSATION WITH TAXI DRIVERS. TESTIFIED GOT SCAR OVER EYE SUNDAY PROCEEDING MURDER WHILE TARGET SHOOTING

WITH THIRTY OUGHT SIX RIFLE WITH SCOPE. BECKWITH FEB 7 1964 WOULD NEVER ADMIT RIFLE AND SCOPE IN EVIDENCE WAS HIS, BUT DID NOT DENY IT WAS HIS.

STATED THAT AFTER TARGET SHOOTING ON SUNDAY CLEANED GUN AND PUT IT IN CLOSET IN HOME. TESTIFIED THAT NIGHT OF JUNE TEN LAST DISCOVERED RIFLE.

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MISSING, CLAIMS NO KNOWLEDGE AS TO WHAT HAPPENED TO GUN. WHEN QUESTIONED AS TO COMMENT QUOTE NO COMMENT UNQUOTE TO FBI AGENTS WHEN ORIGINALLY APPROACHED HE SAID WAS DOING THIS BECAUSE PRIOR TO THIS TIME LE FLORE COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION HAD PUBLISHED AN ARTICLE INFORMING CITIZENS THAT THEY WERE NOT UNDER LEGAL OBLIGATION TO ANSWER QUESTIONS BY FBI AGENTS IN CIVIL RIGHTS MATTERS. ARTICLE IN NEWSPAPER PUBLISHED GREENWOOD, MISS AUGUST SEVEN, NINETEEN SIXTY TO THIS EFFECT INTRODUCED IN EVIDENCE. CLAIMS SUBSEQUENT NO COMMENT ANSWERS TO LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS WERE MADE ON INSTRUCTIONS FROM HIS ATTORNEY.

INTRODUCED  
ON CROSS EXAMINATION, LETTER WRITTEN BY BECKWITH TO NATIONAL RIFLE ASSOCIATION JANUARY TWENTYSIX, SIXTYTHREE IN WHICH BECKWITH REQUESTED INFORMATION REGARDING SETTING UP RIFLE RANGE AND IN WHICH LETTER HE STATED WE IN MISSISSIPPI ARE GOING TO HAVE TO DO A LOT OF SHOOTING TO PROTECT OURSELVES FROM BAD NEGROES. ALSO INTRODUCED LETTER FROM BECKWITH TO FIELD AND STREAM MAGAZINE IN JANUARY SIXTYFOUR, IN WHICH BECKWITH PROPOSED TO WRITE AN ARTICLE REGARDING VARMINT HUNTING AT NIGHT IN THE SUMMER TIME IN THE SOUTH, ALSO INTRODUCED LETTER IN WHICH BECKWITH STATES IS WRITING A BOOK INTITLED QUOTE MY ASS, YOUR GOAT AND THE REPUBLIC UNQUOTE, EXPLAINED BOOK DEALT WITH STATES RIGHTS AND INTERGRATION.

D.H. HAWKINS, INDIANOLA, MISSISSIPPI TESTIFIED THAT ON MORNING JUNE ELEVEN SIXTYTHREE SAW BRUISE OVER BECKWITH'S RIGHT EYE.

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DEFENSE RESTED AT THIS POINT. STATE CALLED DETECTIVE SGT.O.M. LUKE JACKSON PD AS REBUTTAL WITNESS.LUKE TESTIFIED THAT HE INTERVIEWED ANCEY LEE HAVEN JUNE TWELVE, LAST WHO TOLD HIM THEN SHE HAD SEEN WHITE VALANT WITH LONG RADIO AERIAL PARKED IN LOT AT JOE/S DRIVE INN NIGHT OF JUNE ELVEN.HAVEN HAD TESTIFIED AS DEFENSE WITNESS THAT SHE HAD NOT SEEN WHITE VALANT BUT THAT CAR WAS A DODGE.

STATE RESTED.COURT ADJORNED UNTIL NINE AM FEB.SIX WHEN WRITTEN INSTRUCTIONS WILL BE GIVEN JURY AND CLOSING ARGUEMENTS WILL BE HEARD.

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AFTER WORD EXAMINATION-SO-IT-WILL-READ-ON-CROSS-EXAMINATION-INTRODUCE!

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FROM NEW ORLEANS 157-1163 3-P

BYRON DE LA BECKWITH, <sup>also known as</sup> MEDGAR EVERE DASH VICTIM/ GR, RM

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RE MORNING SESSION BECKWITH TRIAL, FEBRUARY SIX INSTANT.

ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY JOHN FOX OPENED ARGUMENT

FOR STATE. STARTED WITH REFERENCE TO NEWSPAPER ARTICLE

WRITTEN BY BECKWITH EIGHT YEARS AGO IN WHICH HE SAID

QUOTE I BELIEVE IN SEGREGATION LIKE I BELIEVE IN GOD UNQUOTE,

AND THEN WENT FORWARD CHRONOLOGICALLY, BRINGING IN ALL

FACTS OF INVESTIGATION TYING BECKWITH TO MURDER. CONCLUDED

HIS REMARKS BY STATING QUOTE BECKWITH IS A FANATIC,

PURE AND SIMPLE UNQUOTE.

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DEFENSE ATTORNEY HARDY LOTT ARGUED NEXT. LOTT SPENT

CONSIDERABLE TIME ON THE TESTIMONY OF THE THREE ALIBI

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WITNESSES, AND PURSUED QUESTION OF REASONABLE DOUBT. HE

REVIEWED STATE-S CASE ATTEMPTING TO SHOW WEAKNESSES.

STANNY SANDERS, DEFENSE ATTORNEY, ARGUED NEXT. HE SPENT

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MOST OF ARGUMENT TRYING TO SHOW THAT A REASONABLE PERSON WOULD NOT HAVE DONE WHAT BECKWITH IS ALLEGED TO HAVE DONE IN CONNECTION WITH THE MURDER, THAT IS , SUCH THINGS AS PUBLICLY EXAMINING SCENE PRIOR TO SHOOTING, PUBLICLY MAKING INQUIRY AS TO WHERE EVER LIVED, AND THE LIKE.

OF INTEREST TO THE BUREAU IS COMMENT MADE BY SANDERS IN ARGUMENT TO THE EFFECT THAT STATE DID NOT USE AN FBI EXPERT TO BACK UP CAPTAIN RALPH HARGROVES TESTIMONY CONCERNING THE AGE OF A LATENT PRINT. DWELLED ON FACT NO EYE WITNESSES TO SHOOTING. REITERATED TESTIMONY OF ALIBI WITNESSES TO SHOOTING. REITERATED TESTIMONY OF ALIBI WITNESSES AND SAID THE DEFENSE HAD MET THE BURDEN OF PROOF REQUIRED OF THE STATE. SANDERS LAST COMMENT TO JURY WAS QUOTE "I DO NOT BELIEVE THIS JURY WANTS TO RETURN A VERDICT MERELY TO SATISFY THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE NATIONAL PRESS" UNQUOTE.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY WILLIAM WALLER LISTED THE FOLLOWING POINTS WHICH HE SAID TIED BECKWITH TO THE MURDER: GOLON MOTIVE, PLANNING, ABILITY AND CAPACITY, TELESCOPIC SIGHT, WEAPON, SCAR, FINGERPRINT, CAR, BECKWITH-S PRESENCE IN JACKSON, BECKWITH-S SILENCE COUPLED WITH HIS ACTIVITIES

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SINCE HIS ARREST. WALLER REVIEWED THE DEFENSE WITNESSES ONE BY ONE, POINTING OUT DISCREPANCIES AND WEAKNESSES IN THEIR TESTIMONIES. HE SUMMED UP THE EVIDENCE PRESENTED BY THE STATE AND ATTACKED THE STOLEN GUN DEFENSE. HE TOLD JURORS THERE MAY HAVE BEEN VARIOUS REASONS WHY ALIBI WITNESSES MIGHT HAVE TESTIFIED EITHER MISTAKENLY OR DELIBERATELY FALSE AND THAT JURORS SHOULD DECIDE THEMSELVES AS TO WHAT WITNESSES TOLD THE TRUTH. HE DESCRIBED THE MURDER AS A COLD BLOODED KILLING.

THE JURY RETIRED AT TWELVE THIRTYONE PM., FEBRUARY SIX INSTANT FOR DELIBERATION.

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BYRON DE LA BECKWITH, AKA, MEDGAR EVERE DASH VICTIM, CR. RM.

REFERENCE NEW ORLEANS TELCALL TO BUREAU TODAY.

BECKWITH JURY RESUMED DELIBERATION SEVEN FORTY AM, CST,  
FEBRUARY SEVEN. AT NINE AM JUDGE TOOK BENCH MOMENTARILY AND  
ASKED IF JURY HAD BEEN HEARD FROM. WHEN ADVISED IN THE  
NEGATIVE, HE RECESSED.

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AT ELEVEN TWENTY SEVEN AM THE JUDGE TOOK BENCH AGAIN AND  
CALLED FOR THE JURY. HE ASKED EACH INDIVIDUAL JUROR IF, IN

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THEIR OPINION, THERE WAS ANY CHANCE OF REACHING A VERDICT, ALL JURORS  
ANSWERED IN THEIR OPINION WOULD BE UNABLE TO REACH VERDICT.

AT ELEVEN THIRTY THREE AM JUDGE DECLARED A MISTRIAL AND  
REMANDED BECKWITH TO THE CUSTODY OF THE HINDS COUNTY SHERIFF/S  
OFFICE.

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(BECKWITH)

JACKSON, MISS.--AN ALL-WHITE JURY WAS UNABLE TO AGREE ON A VERDICT  
IN THE BYRON DE LA BECKWITH MURDER TRIAL TODAY AND A MISTRIAL WAS  
DECLARED.

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WASHINGTON CAPITAL NEWS SERVICE

# Beckwith Trial To Begin Today

JACKSON, Miss (UPI) — Byron De La Beckwith, a dapper member of a long - prominent Mississippi Delta family, goes on trial Monday in the sniper slaying of a Negro civil rights leader.

Beckwith, 42, is charged with murder in the ambush slaying of Medgar Evers who was shot in the back June 12. Stringent security measures will be in effect throughout the trial, which is attracting high interest among both the white and Negro communities.

The prosecution is seeking the death penalty. Presiding over the court will be Circuit Judge Leon F. Hendrick, 69, who in 10 years on the bench has garnered a reputation for his impartiality.

Everyone admitted to the second floor courtroom in the Linds County Courthouse will be searched for weapons. The crowd size will be limited to the seating capacity, which is about 400. Law enforcement officers will be posted throughout the courthouse area.

"We don't want another Dallas," said one officer, referring to the slaying of President Kennedy's accused assassin.

Evers, 37, was killed as he stepped from his automobile in the driveway of his Jackson home. The shot was fired from a vacant lot where police later found a high-powered rifle believed to have been the murder weapon. A fingerprint lifted from the rifle has been identified by a police expert as Beckwith's.

Beckwith, a descendant of Confederate President Jefferson Davis, was a fertilizer salesman at Greenwood and was well-known for his anti-integration views.

Following his arrest June 22 some leading citizens of Greenwood established a "White Citizens Legal Fund" to pay for defending him. At last report, they had received about \$8,000 in donations.

The trial is expected to run for about two months.

of a jury is likely to consume most of the first week. Jurors are to be picked from a 200-man venire which includes a few Negroes.

Charles Evers, who succeeded his slain brother as state field secretary for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), predicted that failure to obtain a conviction in the case would result in "open warfare" between Negro and white extremists here.

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FROM NEW ORLEANS /157-1163/ IP

BYRON DE LA BECKWITH, AKA MEDGAR EVERNS DASH VICTIM. CRS RM.  
BECKWITH TRIAL COMMENCED TODAY IN HINDS COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT,  
JACKSON, MISS. AS OF FIVE P.M. TODAY NO JURORS HAD BEEN ACCEPTED,  
VERY FEW SPECTATORS IN ATTENDENCE.

BUREAU WILL BE KEPT ADVISED OF DEVELOPMENTS.

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also known as

BYRON DE LA BECKWITH, AKA MEDGAR EVERNS DASH VICTIM. CR; RM.  
AS OF FIVE P.M. TODAY FIVE JURORS HAVE BEEN ACCEPTED BY STATE  
AND DEFENSE.

BUREAU WILL BE KEPT ADVISED OF DEVELOPMENTS.

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FROM NEW ORLEANS 157-1163

BYRON DE LA BECKWITH AKA; MEDGAR EVERE DASH VICTIM. CR, RM.  
RE BECKWITH TRIAL.

AS OF FIVE THIRTY PM TODAY A TOTAL OF TEN JURORS HAVE BEEN  
ACCEPTED BY THE STATE AND DEFENSE.

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BYRON DE LA BECKWITH, MEDGAR EVERS - VICTIM CR-RM.

*mf* SELECTION OF ALTERNATE JUROR COMPLETED THIS AFTERNOON AND  
TESTIMONY COMMENCED.

CAPT. BENNIE D. HARRELL, JACKSON PD, TESTIFIED TO RECEIVING,  
PHONE CALL RE SHOOTING TWELVE FORTY FIVE AM, JUNE TWELVE SIXTYTHREE.

MRS. MEDGAR EVERS TESTIFIED AS TO HEARING SHOT WHEN HUSBAND ARRIVED  
HOME AND OF FINDING HIM LYING NEAR DOOR.

HOUSTON WELLS, EVER'S NEIGHBOR, TESTIFIED AS TO HEARING  
GUNSHOT, FINDING EVER'S AND TRANSPORTING HIM TO HOSPITAL. JOE ALFORD,  
PATROLMAN, JACKSON PD, TESTIFIED AS TO BEING FIRST OFFICER ON SCENE AND  
ESCOURTING EVER'S TO HOSPITAL.

DR. FORREST G. BRATLEY, M. D., PATHOLOGIST, TESTIFIED AS TO POST  
-MORTEM EXAMINATION OF EVER'S AND THAT EVER'S DEATH CAUSED BY  
HEMORRHAGING DUE TO BULLET WOUND.

DETECTIVE SGT. JOHN CHAMBLEE, JACKSON, PD, TESTIFIED TO CRIME SCENE  
INVESTIGATION AND INTRODUCED PHOTOGRAPHS OF SCENE.

COURT RECESSED UNTIL TOMORROW MORNING WITH CHAMBLEE STILL ON  
STAND ON DIRECT EXAMINATION.

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BYRON DE LA BECKWITH, AKA., MEDGAR EVERNS DASH VICTIM,  
CR, RM.

RE MORNING SESSION BECKWITH TRIAL TODAY.

DET. SGT. JOHN CHAMBLEE CONCLUDED HIS TESTIMONY RE CRIME  
SCENE INVESTIGATION.

JOE PARKER, CIVIL ENGINEER, INTRODUCED PLAT SHOT<sup>W</sup>  
ELEVATIONS AND PERTINENT DISTANCES IN AREA OF EVERNS HOME.

DET. SGT. FRED SANDERS, JR., JACKSON POLICE DEPARTMENT,  
TESTIFIED AS TO CRIME SCENE INVESTIGATION AND LOCATING MURDER  
BULLET.

MISS BETTY COLEY WHO RESIDED IN AREA EVERNS HOME TESTIFIED  
SHE AND KENNETH ADCOCK WERE WALKING TOGETHER IN VICINITY EVERNS  
HOME ABOUT TWELVE THIRTY A.M., JUNE TWELVE, E SIXTYTHREE, WHEN  
HEAR LOUD SHOT CLOSE BY AND HEARD PERSON RUNNING AWAY FROM  
SCENE. KENNETH ADCOCK TESTIFIED WAS WITH MISS COLEY AND  
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Mr. Casper  
Mr. Callahan  
Mr. Conrad  
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HEARD SHOT AND HEARD SOMEONE RUNNING FROM SCENE.

DET. SGT. O.M. LUKE, JACKSON POLICE DEPARTMENT, TESTIFIED AS TO LOCATING RIFLE IN BUSHES CLOSE TO PARKING LOT OF JOE/S DRIVE IN NEAR EVER'S HOME.

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FROM NEW ORLEANS /157-1163/ 1P

BYRON DE LA BECKWITH; MEDGAR EVARS DASH VICTIM, CR; RM.

RE BECKWITH TRIAL TODAY. CAPT. RALPH HARGROVE, IDENTIFICATION OFFICER, JACKSON PD, TESTIFIED AS TO LOCATING LATENT FINGERPRINT ON SCOPE OF INSTANT RIFLE AND SUBSEQUENTLY DETERMINING THAT IT WAS THAT OF THE RIGHT INDEX FINGER OF BECKWITH. TESTIFIED THAT IN HIS OPINION LATENT WAS NOT OVER TWELVE HOURS OLD.

FINGERPRINT EXAMINER GEORGE GOODREAU, IDENTIFICATION DIVISION, TESTIFIED AS TO HIS LATENT FINGERPRINT EXAMINATION. WAS NOT ASKED BY EITHER STATE OR DEFENSE AS TO AGE OF LATENT.

COURT ADJOURNED TWO THIRTY PM UNTIL NINE AM APR. THIRTEEN NEXT.

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FROM NEW ORLEANS /157-1163/

BYRON DE LA BECKWITH, AKA; MEDGAR EVERE DASH VICTIM, <sup>also known as</sup> GR, RM.

FOLLOWING DEFENSE WITNESSES TESTIFIED THIS AFTERNOON:

WENDELL SOWELL, DIRECTOR CRIME LAB, FORT WORTH, TEXAS POLICE DEPARTMENT AND LOUIS C. BAYNARD. PRIVATE DOCUMENT EXAMINER AND FORMERLY IDENTIFICATION OFFICER FOR LOUISIANA STATE POLICE TESTIFIED IMPOSSIBLE TO DETERMINE AGE OF LATENT FINGERPRINT.

E.H. HAWKINS, GREENWOOD, MISS., TESTIFIED SAW SCAR OVER BECKWITH/S EYE SUNDAY PRIOR TO MURDER.

JAMES MC COY, SR., AND JAMES MC COY, JR., GREENVILLE, MISS., TESTIFIED SAW SCAR OVER BECKWITH/S EYE MONDAY PRIOR TO MURDER.

DEWITT WALCOTT, JR., BECKWITH/S EMPLOYER TESTIFIED THAT BECKWITH HAD SHOWN HIM TELESCOPE SIGHT AND WAS NOT SECRETIVE ABOUT HAVING SIGHT.

JAMES JONES, WONER NEON SIGN SHOP, GREENWOOD, MISS., TESTIFIED SAW BECKWITH WITH VALIANT AUTOMOBILE IN GREENWOOD, MISS., AT ELEVEN FORTY-FIVE P.M. ON JUNE ELEVEN, SIXTYTHREE.

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HOLLIS CRESWELL AND JAMES HOLLEY, GREENWOOD POLICE DEPARTMENT  
OFFICERS TESTIFIED THEY SAW BECKWITH AT GREENWOOD AT ONE ZERO FIVE  
A.M. JUNE TWELVE, SIXTYTHREE.

FRED BEARD, MANAGER WLBT-TV TESTIFIED MEDGAR EVERS SPOKE OVER THAT STATION MAY TWENTY, SIXTYTHREE, THAT DURING AND AFTER EVER'S APPEARANCE THE STATION RECEIVED NUMEROUS TELEPHONE CALLS. BEARD HEARD ABOUT FORTY OF THESE CALLS HIMSELF. SOME CALLS CONTAINED THREATS TO DO BODILY HARMS TO EVER[REDACTED]

## DEFENSE RESTED.

STATE WILL PUT ON SOME REBUTTAL WITNESSES TOMORROW MORNING AND  
CASE WILL GO TO THE JURY TOMORROW.

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MASONIC EMBLEM HANGING FROM REAR VIEW MIRROR. STATED ON NIGHT OF KILLING, AT ABOUT TEN THIRTY PM, SAW A WHITE VALIANT CIRCLING STREET IN AREA. TESTIFIED WAS AWAKENED BY SHOT AND SUBSEQUENTLY WENT TO EVER'S HOME BUT SAW NO ONE IN VICINITY WHO WOULD BE TIED IN WITH SHOOTING.

MRS. P. L. PITTMAN, WIFE OF OWNER PITTMAN/S GROCERY, TESTIFIED THAT ON THURSDAY BEFORE MURDER A MAN DRIVING LIGHT COLORED SMALL CAR PARKED IN PARKING LOT AND WALKED AROUND IN BACK OF THIS LOT. THIS MAN WAS WEARING SUN GLASSES AND WHITE SHOES. UNABLE TO IDENTIFY BECKWITH AS THIS INDIVIDUAL AND TESTIFIED UNABLE TO IDENTIFY BECKWITH AT PD LINEUP.

RONNIE MARK ACEY, AGE SIXTEEN, TESTIFIED WAS WITH ROBERT PITTMAN NIGHT OF JUNE EIGHT, LAST, AND SAW SIXTYTWO WHITE VALIANT WITH MASONIC EMBLEM PARKED ALONGSIDE PITTMAN/S GROCERY.

RONALD JONES, AGE SIXTEEN, TESTIFIED WAS WITH ROBERT PITTMAN NIGHT OF MURDER, TESTIFIED SAW WHITE VALIANT WITH LONG ANTENNA TRAVELING ON LELTA DRIVE NEAR PITTMAN/S GROCERY.

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TESTIFIED HE THOUGHT HE SAW SAME CAR GENERAL AREA THE SATURDAY BEFORE.

HERBERT SPEIGHT, CAB DRIVER, TESTIFIED ON JUNE EIGHT, LAST, WHILE PARKED IN FRONT OF TRAILWAYS BUS TERMINAL WAS APPROACHED BY INDIVIDUAL ASKING IF HE KNEW WHERE EVANS PAREN NOT EVER'S PAREN, THE QUOTE NAACP NEGRO UNQUOTE, LIVED. WHEN SPEIGHT COULD NOT FURNISH THIS INFO, THIS INDIVIDUAL WENT INTO THE TRAILWAYS BUS TERMINAL, CHECKED PHONE BOOK, AND ON THREE OCCASIONS CAME BACK TO CAB WITH DIFFERENT ADDRESSES ASKING IF THAT MIGHT BE WHERE EVANS LIVED. ALL ADDRESSES WERE IN WHITE NEIGHBORHOOD, WHEN ASKED BY DA WALLER IF THIS MAN WAS IDENTICAL WITH BECKWITH, SPEIGHT REPLIED THE MAN RESEMBLES BECKWITH, AND QUOTE IF IT WASN/T BECKWITH, IT WAS HIS TWIN BROTHER UNQUOTE AND QUOTE WOULDN/T SWEAR TO IT BUT BELIEVE IT WAS HIM UNQUOTE. THIS WITNESS HAD PREVIOUSLY TESTIFIED AT FIRST BECKWITH TRIAL THAT INDIVIDUAL WHO APPROACHED HIM AT TRAILWAYS TERMINAL WAS POSITIVELY IDENTICAL WITH BECKWITH. ON FURTHER QUESTIONING BY WALLER TODAY, SPEIGHT SAID HE HAD BEEN THREATENED SINCE LAST TRIAL BUT GAVE NO OTHER

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DETAILS CONCERNING THREATS. ASSISTANT DA JOHN FOX, III,  
SUBSEQUENTLY ADVISED THAT SPEIGHTS TOLD HIM HE HAD BEEN BEATEN  
UP AS A RESULT OF TESTIMONY HE PREVIOUSLY GAVE. UPON FURTHER  
QUESTIONING BY WALLER TODAY, SPEIGHT AGAIN REITERATED THAT  
THIS INDIVIDUAL AT TRAILWAYS TERMINAL WAS IDENTICAL WITH  
BECKWITH.

JOHN BOOK, GREENVILLE, MISS., WHO WORKED AS SALESMAN  
WITH BECKWITH AT DELTA LIQUID PLANT FOOD CO., GREENWOOD,  
MISS., FURNISHED DESCRIPTION OF SIXTYTWO VALIANT, A COMPANY  
CAR, OPERATED BY BECKWITH , AND IDENTIFIED PHOTO OF SAME.  
TESTIFIED HE WORKED WITH BECKWITH JUNE TEN, LAST, AND SAW  
SMALL SEMICIRCULAR SCAR OVER BECKWITH/S EYE THAT DAY. ASKED  
BECKWTIH IN JOKING MANNER IF WIFE HAD HIT HIM AND BECKWITH  
QUOTE "BRUSHED IT OFF AND DID NOT SAY ANYTHING" UNQUOTE.

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RE AFTERNOON SESSION BECKWITH TRIAL TODAY.

MRS. A.W. BRANCH AND HER SON, CHARLES BRANCH, SIDON, MISS., TESTIFIED THAT ON NIGHT SUNDAY JUNE NINE LAST SAW INDIVIDUAL GETTING IN OR OUT OF BECKWITH/S VALIANT AUTOMOBILE WHILE IT WAS PARKED ON LOT AJACENT TO GREYHOUND BUS STATION, GREENWOOD, MISS. CHARLES BRANCH TESTIFIED TOLD BECKWITH, WHO WAS IN BUS STATION, ABOUT THIS AND BECKWITH CAME OUTSIDE AND TALKED TO THIS INDIVIDUAL. SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS TESTIMONY NOT FULLY DEVELOPED, HOWEVER DURING LAST TRIAL THESE WITNESSES TESTIFIED THEY THOUGHT INDIVIDUAL MAY HAVE TAKEN SOMETHING FROM BECKWITH/S CAR /POSSIBLY BECKWITH/S RIFLE/. THIS WAS NOT BROUGHT OUT IN TODAYS TESTIMONY.

FRED CONNER, GREENWOOD, MISS., BUS STATION EMPLOYEE, TESTIFIED HE ATE SUPPER WITH BECKWITH AT GREENWOOD CAFE BETWEEN SIX AND SEVEN P.M. JUNE ELEVEN LAST.

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BECKWITH TOOK STAND DENIED SHOOTING EVERNS. DENIED BEING IN JACKSON SATURDAY PRECEEDING MURDER. DENIED CONVERSATION WITH TWO CAB DRIVERS AT TRAILWAYS BUS STATION THAT DAY. DENIES WAS IN JACKSON NIGHT JUNE ELEVEN, MORNING JUNE TWELVE. CLAIMS WAS IN GREENWOOD DURING THAT TIME.

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COURT ADJOURNED UNTIL NINE A.M. TOMORROW WHEN CROSS EXAMINATION OF BECKWITH WILL CONTINUE.

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ALSO KNOWN AS CIVIL RIGHTS RACIAL MATTERS  
BYRON DE LA BECKWITH, AKA MEDGAR EVERNS DASH VICTIM, CR, RM.

RE MORNING SESSION BECKWITH TRIAL TODAY.

DEFENSE WITNESSES AS FOLLOWS:

JOHN TURNER, OWNER, CLUB KATHRYN, LOCATED VICINITY EVERNS RESIDENCE TESTIFIED THAT HE WAS ARRESTED BY POLICE FOR SELLING BEER AFTER HOURS TWELVE TEN AM, JUNE TWELVE, LAST. STATED AT TIME OF HIS ARREST BARBARA HOLDER WAS PRESENT AT CLUB. PAREN BARBARA HOLDER WAS STATE WITNESS WHO TESTIFIED SHE HAD BEEN AT JOE/S DRIVE IN, AKA LEE/S DRIVE IN, ELEVEN FORTY FIVE PM, JUNE ELEVEN, LAST, AND HAD SEEN VALIANT ON PARKING LOT, THAT DRIVE IN PAREN.

MRS. FAYE BULLOCK TESTIFIED SHE WAS WAITRESS AT CLUB KATHRYN AND SAW BARBARA HOLDER AT CLUB BETWEEN APPROXIMATE PERIOD NINE PM JUNE ELEVEN AND ONE AM, JUNE TWELVE, 157 90146

Gwen Adkinson testified she was employee at Club <sup>APR 16 1964</sup>  
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KATHRYN AND SAW BARBARA HOLDER COME IN CLUB BETWEEN NINE FIFTEEN AND TEN PM, JUNE ELEVEN AND SAW HOLDER AT CLUB WHEN TURNER ARRESTED AFTER MIDNIGHT.

MISS ANCIE LEE HAVEN TESTIFIED SHE WORKED AT LEE/S DRIVE IN JUNE ELEVEN, LAST AND LEFT AT ELEVEN PM. TESTIFIED SHE SAW WHITE CAR PARKED IN CORNER OF LOT AT DRIVE IN AND OF OPINION CAR WAS A DODGE. TESTIFIED THIS CAR DEFINITELY WAS NOT VALIANT.

MRS. GLEN MC COY WHO RESIDES VICINITY LEE/S DRIVE IN TESTIFIED SHE HEARD GUNSHOT AND SUBSEQUENTLY LOOKED IN DIRECTION OF LEE/S DRIVE IN AND DID NOT SEE ANY CARS LEAVING LOT AT DRIVE IN.

LEE H. COCKRELL TESTIFIED HE OPERATED LEE/S DRIVE IN AND ON JUNE ELEVEN ARRIVED DRIVE IN ELEVEN THIRTY PM AND WAS PRESENT WHILE SHOOTING OCCURRED. TESTIFIED DID NOT SEE ANY MEN ON PARKING LOT AND DID NOT SEE ANY AUTOMOBILES LEAVING LOT AFTER SHOOTING.

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MRS. DORIS SUMRALL TESTIFIED WAS WORKING LEE/S DRIVE IN NIGHT OF SHOOTING. TESTIFIED SAW NO VEHICLES WAVING DRIVE IN LOT AFTER SHOOTING OCCURRED.

JAMES L. HOBBY, NOW RESIDES MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE, A TRUCK DRIVER, TESTIFIED RESIDED IN JACKSON IN JUNE, SIXTY THREE. TESTIFIED OWNED SIXTY WHITE VALIANT AND CUSTOMARILY DROVE DELTA DRIVE TO AND FROM WORK. TESTIFIED THAT BETWEEN TWELVE TEN AND TWELVE THIRTY AM, JUNE TWELVE, SIXTY THREE, HE DROVE TO JOE/S DRIVE IN IN HIS VALIANT AND ATTEMPTED TO GET CUP OF COFFEE. FOUND DRIVE IN CLOSED AND UNABLE TO PURCHASE COFFEE. AS WALKING AWAY FROM DRIVE IN, DID NOT HEAR A SHOT. SAW NO ONE LEAVING AREA OF JOE/S DRIVE IN. TESTIFIED THAT SATURDAY NIGHT PRIOR TO MURDER HE HAD BEEN ON DELTA DRIVE IN HIS VALIANT PAREN PREVIOUS STATE WITNESSES HAVE TESTIFIED AS TO OBSERVING WHITE VALIANT ON DELTA DRIVE SATURDAY NIGHT BEFORE MURDER PAREN.

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BYRON DE LA BECKWITH, <sup>also known as</sup> AKA MEDGAR EVERSON DASH VICTIM. C.R. RH.

RE AFTERNOON SESSION OF BECKWITH TRIAL TODAY.

BARBARA ANN HOLDER TESTIFIED SHE WAS AT JOE'S DRIVE-IN, VICINITY EVERSON HOME, NIGHT OF JUNE ELEVEN SIXTYTHREE. SOMETIME IN EARLY PART OF NIGHT SHE SAW AUTOMOBILE PULL UP ON LOT OF DRIVE-IN AND PARK WITH DRIVER STAYING IN CAR. SHE LEFT AND RETURNED APPROXIMATELY ELEVEN THIRTY P.M., SAW SAME CAR ON LOT AT THIS TIME. IDENTIFIED PHOTOGRAPH OF BECKWITH/S NINETEEN SIXTYTWO VALIENT AS IDENTICAL WITH CAR SHE SAW ON LOT. FURNISHED SKETCHY DESCRIPTION OF MAN IN THIS CAR, SAID SHE COULD NOT POSITIVELY IDENTIFY THIS MAN BUT HAD OPINION AS TO IDENTITY OF THIS PERSON. WAS NOT ALLOWED TO TESTIFY AS TO HER OPINION.

SA SAM H. ALLEN, JR., MEMPHIS DIVISION, TESTIFIED AS TO INITIAL CONTACT WITH BECKWITH AT GREENWOOD, JUNE TWENTYONE LAST AND THAT BECKWITH ANSWERED ONLY QUOTE NO COMMENT UNQUOTE TO AGENTS QUESTIONS RE TELESCOPE SIGHT PURCHASED FROM DUCK/S TACKLE SHOP.

SA THOMAS F. HOPKINS, MEMPHIS DIVISION, TESTIFIED AS TO ATTEMPTS TO LOCATE BECKWITH JUNE TWENTYTWO LAST AND CIRCUMSTANCES OF BECKWITH/S ARREST THAT NIGHT IN HIS ATTORNEYS OFFICE. REC 40 157-901 EX 101 18 APR 16 1964

SA JOSEPH PEGGS, NEW ORLEANS DIVISION, TESTIFIED AS TO INTERVIEW WITH BECKWITH AT JACKSON <sup>Police Department</sup> JUNE TWENTYTHREE AND OBSERVATION

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SEMICIRCULAR SCAR OVER BECKWITH/S RIGHT EYE. TESTIFIED BECKWITH  
DECLINED COMMENT WHEN QUESTIONED ABOUT EVER'S KILLING.

DETECTIVE SARGEANT FRED SANDERS, JACKSON <sup>Police Department</sup>, TESTIFIED  
DRIVING TIME FROM JOE/S DRIVE-IN TO GREENWOOD, MISS., A DISTANCE OF  
NINETYFOUR MILES, WAS ONE HOUR AND FORTYFIVE MINUTES OBSERVING  
SPEED LAWS.

DR. FOREST G. BRADLEY, MD, PATHOLOGIST, TESTIFIED EXAMINED SCAR  
OVER BECKWITH/S RIGHT EYE JUNE TWENTYTHREE AND SAID IN HIS OPINION.  
SCAR HAD BEEN THERE NO LONGER THAN THIRTY DAYS AND AT LEAST TEN DAYS.

DET. SGT. O.M. LUKE, JACKSON <sup>Police Department</sup>, TESTIFIED HE PACKED GUN,  
CARTRIDGE CASES AND LATENT LIFT AND TURNED THEM OVER TO SA SAMUEL  
E. VIRDEN II FOR TRANSPORTATION TO FBI LAB.

STATE RESTED AT THIS POINT. DEFENSE MOVED FOR DIRECTED VERDICT  
OF ACQUITTAL. COURT OVERRULED MOTION.

DEFENSE WITNESSES AS FOLLOWS; SAM WARREN, FORMER EMPLOYEE  
MISS. STATE HOSPITAL, WHITFIELD, MISS., TESTIFIED THAT LEE F.  
SWILLEY, CAB DRIVER, TOLD HIM AFTER FIRST BECKWITH TRIAL THAT  
SWILLEY WAS NOT COMING BACK TO COURT AGAIN AS HE DID NOT GET  
ANYTHING, NOT EVEN WITNESS FEES. CLAIMS SWILLEY SAID NOT GOING TO  
TELL ANYMORE LIES, REFERRING TO SWILLEYS TESTIMONY THIS CASE.

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WENDELL STRINGER AND ROY E. ADKINS, EMPLOYEES AT WRIGHT AND  
FERGUSON FUNERAL HOME, JACKSON, TESTIFIED THEY WERE CALLED BY <sup>Police Department</sup> RD  
TO APPEAR IN LINEUP WITH BECKWITH DAY FOLLOWING HIS ARREST. BOTH  
TESTIFIED BECKWITH WAS ONLY MAN IN LINEUP WITHOUT A BELT OR JEWELRY  
SUCH AS TIE CLASP AND CUFF LINKS. ALSO TESTIFIED BECKWITH  
WEARING SHIRT IN LINEUP WITH HIS INITIALS ON POCKET.

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BYRON DE LA BECKWITH, AKA; MEDGAR EVERE DASH VICTIM, CR, RM.

JURY DELIBERATED UNTIL NINE FORTYFIVE P.M. TODAY WITHOUT REACHING VERDICT. JUDGE THEN DIRECTED JURY TO RETIRE, TO RESUME DELIBERATION NINE AM TOMORROW.

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Miss Holmes  
Miss Gandy

BYRON DE LA BECKWITH, AKA; MEDGAR EVERE DASH VICTIM, CR, RM.  
RE MORNING SESSION BECKWITH TRIAL TODAY.

STATE CALLED FOLLOWING REBUTTAL WITNESSES:

DETECTIVE SGT. FRED SANDERS, JACKSON PD, TESTIFIED HE  
TALKED TO GREENWOOD PD OFFICERS CRESSWELL AND HOLLEY PAREN  
(DEFENSE ALIBI WITNESSES) PAREN IMMEDIATELY AFTER BECKWITH/S  
ARREST AND ALSO IN JAN., SIXTYFOUR, AND THEY DID NOT MENTION  
TO HIM SEEING BECKWITH IN GREENWOOD, ONE ZERO FIVE AM,  
JUNE TWELVE, SIXTYTHREE.

DETECTIVE SGT. O. M. LUKE, JACKSON PD, TESTIFIED ANCIE  
LEE HAVEN TOLD HIM IMMEDIATELY AFTER SHOOTING THAT SHE HAD  
SEEN WHITE VALIANT AUTO ON SE CORNER JOE'S DRIVE INN PARKING  
LOT PAREN HAVEN WAS DEFENSE WITNESS WHO TESTIFIED CAR WAS NOT  
A VALIANT PAREN.

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ATTORNEYS COMPLETED CLOSING ARGUMENTS TWELVE FIFTYFIVE PM.  
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JURY AT THAT TIME WENT TO LUNCH AND WILL BEGIN DELIBERATION  
AFTER RETURNING FROM LUNCH.

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FROM NEW ORLEANS /157-1163/

BYRON DE LA BECKWITH, AKA; MEDGAR EVER-S VICTIM, CR-RM.

BECKWITH WAS ON STAND ENTIRE MORNING TODAY ON CROSS EXAMINATION.

CONTINUED TO DENY ANY IMPLICATION IN EVER-S MURDER. CROSS EXAMINATION  
ENDED AT NOON RECESS.

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BYRON DE LA BECKWITH, AKA., MEDGAR EVERESE CIVIL RIGHTS VICTIM. CR. RM.

RE NEW ORLEANS TEL CALLS TO BUREAU TODAY. RACIAL MATTERS

AT ELEVEN FORTY AM TODAY BECKWITH JURY ADVISED HINDS COUNTY CIRCUIT JUDGE LEON HENDRICK THEY WERE HOPELESSLY DEADLOCKED AND UNABLE TO REACH A VERDICT. JUDGE HENDRICK DECLARED A MIS/TRIAL AND DISCHARGED THE JURY. CASE CONTINUED UNTIL MAY NEXT TERM OF HINDS COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT.

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(BECKWITH)

JACKSON--A SECOND MISTRIAL WAS DECLARED TODAY IN THE CASE OF BYRON DE LA BECKWITH, A WHITE SEGREGATIONIST CHARGED WITH THE SNIPER SLAYING OF NEGRO LEADER MEDGAR EVERE.

THE 12-MAN ALL-WHITE JURY REPORTED AFTER 10 HOURS DELIBERATION IT WAS DEADLOCKED AND CIRCUIT JUDGE LEON HENDRICK DECLARED A MISTRIAL AT 11:35 A.M. CST (12:35 P.M. EST).

IT WAS NOT IMMEDIATELY KNOWN WHETHER BECKWITH WOULD BE SET FREE OR ORDERED TO STAND TRIAL FOR THE THIRD TIME.

THERE IS NOTHING IN MISSISSIPPI LAW TO PREVENT BECKWITH FROM BEING TRIED AGAIN, BUT THERE WAS SPECULATION PRIOR TO THE VERDICT THAT IF ANOTHER MISTRIAL WAS DECLARED IN THE CASE, THE ENTIRE MATTER WOULD BE PUT IN AN INACTIVE FILE.

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(BECKWITH)

JACKSON, MISS.--CIRCUIT JUDGE LEON HENDRICK SAID TODAY BYRON DE LA BECKWITH'S CASE WAS BEING CONTINUED UNTIL THE MAY TERM OF COURT AND A DECISION ON A THIRD MURDER TRIAL FOR BECKWITH WOULD BE DETERMINED LATER.

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BYRON DE LA BECKWITH, <sup>also known as</sup> AKA., MEDGAR EVERE DASH VICTIM, OR, RM.

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RE AFTERNOON SESSION BECKWITH TRIAL TODAY.

FORMER SHERIFF J.R. GILFOY, HINDS COUNTY, MISS., TESTIFIED WAS PRESENT AT POLICE DEPARTMENT WHEN BREECH OF INSTANT RIFLE OPENED AND BASED ON ODOR HE DETERMINED IT HAD BEEN FIRED VERY RECENTLY.

INNES T. MC INTYRE, FARMER NEAR GREENWOOD, MISS., TESTIFIED HE PURCHASED THIRTY OUGHT SIX RIFLE IN FEBRUARY FIFTYNINE FROM UNIVERSAL FIRE ARMS AND TRADED BARREL AND ACTION OF THIS RIFLE TO BECKWITH IN JANUARY, SIXTY. TESTIFIED TURNED OVER TO FBI AGENT FIFTY EMPTY CARTRIDGE CASES WHICH HAD BEEN FIRED IN THIS RIFLE.

SA FRANCIS FINELY AND DONALD STORAKER TESTIFIED AS TO CHAIN OF EVIDENCE OF CARTRIDGES FROM MC INTYRE TO SA RICHARD J. POPPLETON FIRE ARMS SECTION.

SA POPPLETON TESTIFIED AS TO EXAMINATION SPENT BULLET, MC INTYRE CARTRIDGE CASES, SIXTY LIVE ROUNDS AND ONE EMPTY ROUND FOUND IN RIFLE.  
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SA SMAUEL E. VIRDEN II TESTIFIED RE DELIVERY RIFLE,AMMO,CARTRIDGE CASES AND SPENT BULLET TO FBI LAB.

JOHN W. GOSA, OWNER DUCKS TACKLE SHOP, GRENOADA, MISS., TESTIFIED THAT IN MAY, SIXTYTHREE, TRADED SIX POWER GOLDEN HAWK UNITED BINOCULAR TELESCOPE SIGHT TO BECKWITH FOR A FORTYFIVE AUTOMATIC PISTOL.

O.P. BROWN, DISTRICT MANAGER, SOUTHERN BELL TEL AND TEL CO., GREENWOOD MISS., INTRODUCED PHONE RECORDS SHOWING PHONE CALLS FROM BECKWITH RESIDENCE TO GOZA AT GREENWOOD ON MAY FIVE AND MAY TWELVE, SIXTYTHREE.

COURT ADJOURNED UNTIL NINE AM APRIL ELEVEN, SIXTYFOUR.

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## Beckwith Appears Nervous But Denies Murdering Evers

JACKSON, Miss., April 14. — A subdued Byron De La Beckwith, more nervous than when he first testified in February, Tuesday took the witness stand and swore he did not murder Jackson Negro leader Medgar Evers on June 12.

The 43-year-old Greenwood salesman took the stand at 3:13 p.m. and answered questions from chief defense counsel Hardy Lott exactly an hour. In contrast to his appearance at the earlier trial, Beckwith limited his remarks to exact and short answers.

But during the 48 minutes he answered questions from Dist. Atty. William Waller, Beckwith's testimony was soon punctuated by comments from the 37-year-old prosecutor such as, "Can I go on now?" and "May I finish my question?"

"Did you shoot Medgar Evers?" asked Mr. Lott.

"No, sir," answered Beckwith, with emphasis on the "sir."

"Where were you when Medgar Evers was shot?" queried the attorney.

"I was in Greenwood," Beckwith said.

Beginning with a listing of the schools which he attended as a youth, the Deltaan outlined his life until his arrest on June 22 for the ambush murder of the NAACP field secretary.

He told the jury he was wounded in the first invasion wave of Tarawa and had previously fought at Guadalcanal.

"When were you arrested?" asked Mr. Lott.

"I'd have to look at the calendar," responded the pale but emphatic Beckwith. "I've been here for so long it's hard for me to remember."

He denied talking to two Jackson taxi drivers who testified Beckwith or "a twin brother" asked them for company car.

Evers' address June 8 at a Jackson bus station.

Miss Barbara Holder said she saw the driver enter the rest room but she was unable to positively identify him.

"Do you recall whether you went into the rest room?" asked Mr. Lott.

Beckwith took the stand apparently to lay the ground work for defense contentions that his 30.06 Enfield rifle disappeared either from his car or 64-year-old unlocked home a few days prior to the murderer.

He said his car, in which he carried several guns, also sat unlocked most of June 10 at his firm's Greenville office.

"Can you tell me," said Mr. Lott as he handed Beckwith the Enfield rifle with a 6-power telescopic sight the state claims was used as the murder weapon, "whether that is your rifle and scope?"

"This rifle is similar to several rifles I have owned, but I couldn't positively identify the rifle or the scope," Beckwith said.

Before Beckwith took the stand, a Memphis truck driver, a former Jacksonian, told the court he had driven his 1960 Valiant into the parking lot, which the state described as the get-away location, a few minutes before the murder.

Judge Leon Hendrick recessed court at 5:03 p.m. with Beckwith still on the stand for cross-examination. The trial will resume at 9 Wednesday morning.

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# Glum Beckwith Faces New Trial After Deadlock

## 20 Ballots Fail

**7-5 Impasse Is Reported  
With Most Jurors For  
Acquittal**

By EDWARD P. MOORE JR.  
Special to The Commercial Appeal

JACKSON, Miss., Feb. 7. — Judge Leon F. Hendrick solemnly declared the spectacular Beckwith murder trial a mistrial at 11:30 Friday morning after 12 white jurors individually advised the judge they were "hopelessly deadlocked" in reaching a verdict after 11 hours of deliberation.

United Press International quoted a "reliable source" as saying the jury was split 7-5 for acquittal.

They reportedly had taken 20 ballots during discussions since 1:05 Thursday afternoon in the small jury room before a table littered with photographs, documents, statements and a 30-06 Enfield rifle equipped with a six-power telescopic sight.

The state argued Byron De La Beckwith used that weapon to kill Medgar Evers, Mississippi field secretary for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, from ambush on June 12, 1963. Beckwith has consistently maintained his innocence.



—AP Wirephoto  
**Weary Juror Heads Home**

"Gentlemen, I assume you still have not reached a verdict," the judge said to 12 obviously weary jurors who walked into the courtroom putting on coats and adjusting ties. They nodded in agreement. The judge then polled each man to learn whether he believed additional deliberations could produce a verdict.

"Your honor," replied Fred Plummer, "I do not. We have tried diligently. We could stay here a week and never reach a verdict." The remaining 11 answered similarly as Judge Hendrick repeated the question.

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"If there were any chance for you to get together in a reasonable time," he told the jury, "I know you would tell me so. I declare a mistrial in this case; that is all I can do. The defendant will be remanded to the custody of the sheriff."

He dismissed the 12 men who hurriedly packed their suitcases and left the Hinds County Courthouse where they had been secluded since Jan. 30. They were forbidden by the judge to discuss their vote impasse.

Beckwith appeared drained by the trial. He sat glum and motionless.

Mrs. Beckwith, leaving the courthouse, also was disappointed. "I planned to take him home tonight," she said. Asked if she would again be a daily spectator at the re-trial, she said emphatically:

"Yes, sir. I'm just like he is; I'm an arch-segregationist."

Mrs. Evers, widow of the slain integration leader, said she had prepared a statement in the event a decisive verdict was reached, but the mistrial caught her off guard. "I don't think I should have anything to say unless the person is found guilty or not guilty."

There was no visible reaction from the still courtroom where more than 200 had waited to hear the verdict. Within minutes, both defense and prosecution attorneys began the task of preparing for a re-trial.

Defense Attorney Hardy Lott said following a conference with the judge that the case will be set for call on March 23. Date of the re-trial will be scheduled at that time, Judge Hendrick.

Mr. Lott said the matter bond for Beckwith, who has been in jail without bond since June 23, was not discussed at the conference in the judge's office. He added he expects to file a motion for a bond hearing "very promptly."

But Dist. Atty. William Weller, the trial's 37-year-old prosecutor, said he would oppose Beckwith's release.

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# Beckwith Tells Jury He Didn't Kill Evers Claims Rifle Stolen

## Arguments Due

Policemen Say Defendant Seen In Greenwood At Time Of Slaying

By EDWARD P. MOORE JR.  
Special to The Commercial Appeal

JACKSON, Miss., Feb. 5.—The defense rested its case in the Byron De La Beckwith murder trial at 5:47 p.m. Wednesday.

The action came after Beckwith took the witness stand in a surprise maneuver and swore he did not ambush Medgar Evers, Negro integrationist leader shortly after midnight last June 12.

He claimed that a gun similar to the weapon the state charges was used to kill Evers was stolen from him the night before the slaying.

Arguments will open Thursday morning.

The packed courtroom gasped in astonishment when the name "Byron De La Beckwith" was called and the former fertilizer salesman walked swiftly to the stand, took his oath and was seated. He was questioned by his counsel, Hardy Lott, for 55 minutes, answering deftly and with assurance.

"Mr. Beckwith," asked Mr. Lott, "Did you shoot Medgar Evers?"

"No, sir," he answered firmly.

The former Marine Corps Purple Heart winner said he received a cut over his right eye during a target shooting session "before this Evers' business came up" when the 30-06 Enfield's telescopic sight recoiled into him. Three of his fellow employees at a Greenville fertilizer company testified earlier Wednesday they saw the cut before June 12.

The state had suggested the cut resulted when Evers was shot.

Beckwith denied being in Jackson at any time near the date of the shooting and added that if his white Valiant, identified by several witnesses as being near the murder scene, was in the capital city "I have no knowledge of it."

The 43-year-old Beckwith told the jury that he customarily traveled with weapons, "as many as 30 to 40" in his car. He admitted receiving an Enfield rifle from Itta Bena planter Thorne McIntyre and trading for a telescopic sight at Grenada.

But Beckwith said he could not with certainty identify a rifle hidden in honeysuckle vines near the murder scene as his.

Mr. Waller began his cross-examination with questions about letters in his possession, some to newspaper editors, which he said bore Beckwith's signature. He asked the Deltan if his expressions of segregation ideas were not made publicly.

"I have been very pronounced about my views concerning segregation, constitutional government, and states rights," he answered calmly. But the scion of an aristocratic Mississippi family began to squirm slightly as Mr. Waller began reading.

From a letter bearing what the district attorney said was a 1957 date, he read "and furthermore, when I die, I'll be buried in a segregated cemetery. When you get to Heaven you will find me in the part that has a sign saying 'For White Only.' And If I go to Hades, I'm going to raise hell all over Hades till I get in the white section."

Beckwith said the signature looked like his.

In earlier testimony three Greenwood residents, two of them police officers, swore they saw the dapper fertilizer salesman 50 minutes before Evers' murder and 30 minutes after in Greenwood. They said they were positive in their identifications.

Roy Jones, 33-year-old sign manufacturer, testified Beckwith was in an alley near the junction of Highways 82 and 49 preparing to pull out on the highway at 11:45 p.m. He said the area was lighted with floodlights and there was no doubt the man was Beckwith.

Officers Hollis Cresswell and James Holley said they spotted Beckwith at 1:05 a.m. June 12 filling his car with gasoline near the same spot. Officer Cresswell said they remembered the time because one of the two had just looked at a watch.

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## Court Clears Way For Beckwith Trial

### Ruled Capable Of Defense In Evers Murder Hearing

From The Commercial Appeal  
Jackson, Miss., Bureau

JACKSON, Miss., Nov. 12.—The State Supreme Court Tuesday ruled Byron De La Beckwith is "entirely capable of standing trial" for the murder of Negro civil rights leader Medgar Evers and nullified a prosecution order for a mental examination of the 42-year-old Greenwood salesman.

The 6-to-3 decision set aside Hinds County Circuit Judge Leon Hendrick's order granting a state request for the examination. The prosecution said it was seeking to determine whether Beckwith was mentally capable of making a rational defense and also his condition at the time Evers was slain June 12.

The issue was based on a counter-order of Rankin County Circuit Judge O. H. Barnett, in whose jurisdiction the state hospital lies, barring state psychiatrists from giving Beckwith a mental examination.

Beckwith's attorneys protested the examination, contending he was capable of making a rational defense and that the order for a general examination was unconstitutional. The defense said Judge Hendrick's order placed Beckwith in the position of affording Dist. Atty. William Waller with testimony to be used against the defendant at the trial.

When Judge Hendrick ordered the examination July 19, defense attorneys said Beckwith was ready for an immediate trial and demanded that it be set at that time.

The Supreme Court also ordered Beckwith returned to the custody of the Hinds County sheriff in Jackson. Judge Barnett had ordered him held in the Rankin County jail at Brandon to retain jurisdiction pending setting of a trial by Judge Hendrick.

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# Beckwith Tests Ordered Halted

## Defense Attorneys Petition For Speedy Trial On Slaying Charge

JACKSON, Miss., Aug. 1.—(UPI)—A state judge has ordered psychiatrists to stop their mental examination of Byron De La Beckwith, who is charged with murdering Negro civil rights leader Medgar Evers.

Circuit Judge O. H. Barnett of Carthage ordered the halt pending a hearing on charges that Beckwith is illegally and unconstitutionally held in the nearby state mental hospital.

The charges were made by defense attorneys in a petition to Judge Barnett for a writ of habeas corpus freeing Beckwith from the hospital in order that he might be tried quickly for the June 12 sniper slaying of Evers.

Judge Barnett agreed to conduct a hearing on the petition at Carthage Aug. 9.

He signed an order Wednesday directing Dr. W. L. Jaquith, the hospital director, to have Beckwith in court for the hearing and to refrain from examining him in the meantime.

Jaquith said he would comply with Judge Barnett's order on advice of the state attorney general's office.

Beckwith, 42, a segregationist from the Mississippi Delta, had been undergoing examination at the institution for one week.

The examination was ordered by Circuit Judge Leon Hendrick of Jackson on request of Dist. Atty. William Waller. Waller said there was reason to believe Beckwith was "mentally incompetent."

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# Beckwith Held To Grand Jury In Evers Case

Possibility Of Witnesses  
Raised At Hearing  
In Jackson

By KENNETH TOLER

From The Commercial Appeal  
Jackson, Miss., Bureau

JACKSON, Miss., June 25.—Byron De La Beckwith Tuesday was ordered held without bail in a preliminary hearing at which it was hinted that two white witnesses may later testify they saw the person or persons who killed Negro Medgar Evers.

Jackson City Judge James Spencer ordered Beckwith, 42-year-old Greenwood salesman, held without bond until the Hinds County Grand Jury can consider the murder charge against him next week. Beckwith pleaded not guilty just after the two-hour hearing began.

Tuesday's scant reference to possible witnesses came when Jackson Police Det. Sgt. John Chamblee testified under cross examination that he "talked with people who said they heard footsteps running from the scene" of the ambush slaying in a Jackson Negro residential area.

It was later developed that a white man and woman had told investigators that they were walking along the street at the time of the shooting. A young white girl identified as Wilmer Bishop was discredited as the person who had told police of the couple's presence.

Sergeant Chamblee, first officer to reach the shooting scene, testified that he found no witnesses at the scene who could identify the defendant.

Judge Spencer rejected Beckwith's defense counsels' pleas for release on grounds that the state had failed to connect Beckwith with the Evers murder other than by circumstantial evidence. The judge said a fingerprint identified as Beckwith's found on a rifle near the scene of the slaying was sufficient to bind him over to the grand jury, which convenes Monday.

Capt. Ralph Hargrove, Jackson Police Department identification officer, testified he found the fingerprint on the rifle's telescopic sight and turned it over to the FBI. The print and the Japanese-made sight mounted on the Enfield .30.06 rifle were traced by the FBI to Beckwith.

Captain Hargrove also said he did not believe the fingerprint found on the sight was more than 12 hours old. The gun was found shortly after Evers, 37-year-old NAACP Mississippi field secretary, was shot in the back early June 12 just after he stepped from his car in the driveway of his home.

FBI ballistics expert Richard Poppleton testified that riflings on the bullet which killed Evers were similar to those fired from an Enfield rifle and "similar to no other weapon in our laboratory." He said the mutilated condition of the bullet prevented him saying positively it was fired from the Enfield rifle found.

Hugh Cunningham of Jackson, member of Gov. Ross Barnett's law firm, Monday joined in Beckwith's defense along with Hardy Lott, Greenwood city attorney, and Stanny Sanders, a former district attorney of Greenwood.

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# Greenwood Resident Is Arrested By FBI In Evers Killing Case

## Gunsight Traced

Byron De La Beckwith To  
Be Arraigned Today  
In Jackson

From Our Special Service

WASHINGTON, June 23.  
(UPI) — The Federal Bureau of Investigation announced early Sunday the arrest in Greenwood, Miss., of a white man in connection with the slaying of Negro integration leader Medgar Evers in Jackson, Miss., June 12.

FBI Director Edgar Hoover informed the white man as 3, 40 De La Beckwith, 41, of 49 George Street in Greenwood.

De La Beckwith was arrested about 11 p.m. (Edmonton time) Saturday in Greenwood, and would be arraigned as soon as possible. He was arrested at his attorney's office.

The FBI said he would be arraigned on charges of violations of the 1957 Civil Rights Act.

Sources in Jackson indicated the arraignment would be sometime Sunday morning in Jackson.

Agents were en route to Jackson with Beckwith at midnight.

Beckwith "and others unknown" were charged with conspiring to "use oppress and intimidate" Evers in the free exercise and enjoyment of rights and privileges provided by the Constitution.

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The Federal statute under which Beckwith is charged carries relatively minor penalties. The charge permitted FBI agents to make an arrest and gives them a legal hold over the prisoner pending filing of charges under state law.

Krover said Beckwith would be turned over to Jackson authorities as soon as possible for questioning and filing of state murder charges.

Beckwith was born and reared in Greenwood and is a member of an old and prominent Delta family. He was formerly a salesman for the New Deal Tobacco Co. in Greenwood.

Greenwood citizens described De La Beckwith—who was known as "Delay"—as "eccentric" and outspoken in his opposition to any form of desegregation.

He had written many letters to Jackson newspapers and to The Commercial Appeal denouncing Chief Justice Earl Warren and the Supreme Court, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and the Kennedy Administration.

The FBI said he was a member of the Mississippi Citizens' Council, a segregationist group.

Evers, 37, was the Mississippi field secretary for the NAACP.

He was shot in the back by a sniper as he stepped from his car in the driveway of his home in Jackson shortly after midnight.

A rifle was found in a honeysuckle thicket in a vacant lot across the street from Evers' home.

Hoover said Beckwith was found by connecting him with the "Golden Hawk" telescopic sight on the rifle recovered at the murder scene. He said FBI fingerprint experts subsequently identified a print on the rifle as Beckwith's.

The FBI complaint against Beckwith was filed Saturday afternoon, Hoover said.

He said FBI information developed in the FBI investigation would be turned over to Jackson authorities and the full facilities of the FBI laboratory and identification division, including testimony of lab and fingerprint experts and FBI agents, would be made available to them.

A Greenwood acquaintance said Beckwith, an ex-Marine, had served as a sniper. He also said Beckwith was a gun collector.

The FBI said Marine records showed Beckwith was in combat in the Guadalcanal and Tarawa battles of World War II.

Beckwith and his wife, also a Marine Corps veteran, are separated. They have a teenage son.

He owns property in Greenwood, including a downtown city block mentioned as a probable site for a new post office building.

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# Seek Others In Slaying Of Evers

## Greenwood Man Is Accused

By Associated Press

JACKSON, Miss.—State and federal officers pressed their search today for companions of Byron de La Beckwith, who was behind bars in the Jackson jail charged by the state of Mississippi with the murder of Medgar Evers.

Still missing in the hunt for those accused as killers of the 37-year-old Mississippi integration leader were "others unknown." They are charged along with Beckwith in a separate federal complaint made public after the FBI arrested Beckwith Saturday night.

Beckwith, a 42-year-old tobacco salesman from Greenwood, Miss., talked with his attorneys, law partners Hardy Lott and Stanny Sanders of Greenwood, yesterday and was returned to his cell after about 30 minutes.

He is being held without bond. He will appear at 2 p.m. tomorrow before U. S. Commissioner John R. Countiss III. The arraignment will be held to determine if there is reason to believe he and others conspired to deprive Evers of his civil rights.

The Justice Department plans to let the State of Mississippi have priority in dealing with Beckwith. A spokesman said the federal government will recommend that he be released without bond on federal charges of conspiracy to injure a person seeking his civil rights.

With this maneuver, the way will be cleared for Beckwith to be prosecuted on a murder charge by Mississippi authorities, the spokesman explained.

Police found a .30.06 Enfield rifle of World War I vintage near the murder scene.

### Fingerprint Found

A six-power Golden Hawk telescopic sight mounted on the weapon yielded one good fingerprint and led the FBI to Beckwith.

Agents located the American importer of the Japanese-made sight. He had imported 15,000 of them.

They found five of the sights went to Mississippi, all to a Grenada gun dealer. One was traced to Beckwith, a gun collector, whom the FBI questioned Friday night without getting any answers.

Saturday night at a meeting arranged by Greenwood attorney Yerger Moorhead, a relative of Beckwith, FBI agents arrested Beckwith under provisions of the 1957 Civil Rights Act.

"Beckwith and others unknown conspired to injure, oppress and intimidate Medgar Evers in the free exercise and enjoyment of rights and privileges secured to him by the constitution," the FBI said.

Evers was state field secretary for the NAACP.

Capt. Ralph Hargrove, chief of the Jackson Police Identification Bureau, fingerprinted Beckwith yesterday and found again his prints matched the one on the scope attached to a .30 caliber rifle that fired the fatal shot.

It was Hargrove who first

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visible to the eye but  
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Jackson detectives discovered the gun in mid-morning of June 12, about 10 hours after Evers was shot down in his driveway, in a honeysuckle thicket near where officers believe the shot was fired. The scope was attached.

#### The Penalty

Beckwith, a member of the segregationist Citizens Council, faces death in the state's gas chamber if convicted on the murder charge.

His attorneys are also members of the Citizens Council, as are the mayor, commissioners and most prominent persons in Greenwood, located in a county with a 2-1 negro majority and 30 miles from Indianola, where the Citizens Council was born in 1945. Lott is city attorney and attorney for the voter registrar of Le-

flore County.

Beckwith, a 5-foot-7, 160-pound man, was driven to the Jackson police station Saturday night by five FBI men. He appeared calm yesterday after state officials lodged the murder charge against him.

Atty. Gen. Robert Kennedy said there was more evidence to link Beckwith, who was wounded by Japanese fire as he hit the beach on Tarawa,

with the murderer altho he could not reveal

#### A Calm Man On Negro Issues By A. Ward P.

GREENWOOD, Miss.—With one exception Byron de La Beckwith, a 42-year-old Marine combat veteran, is as likely to be as calm and controlled as anyone.

That one exception is the racial question.

"Mention negroes," said Vincent Cascio, his former employer, "and he would fly into a rage."

Beckwith is a gun buff. Friends in his home town of Greenwood said he fired guns as well as collected them. He is from a pioneer Mississippi family. He is a member of the Sons of the American Revolution and is an Episcopalian.

Beckwith, who worked as a tobacco salesman for 10 years, took a job four months ago as sales agent with a fertilizer firm.

"He was a top salesman," Cascio said. "His territory was south of Greenwood and he was liked by all the tobacco merchants. He had a gift of gab."

He was born in Colusa, Cal., his father's home state. His father died when he was a youngster, and his mother, Susie Yerger Beckwith, a native of Greenwood, returned to her hometown to raise him. When he was 11, his mother died, and he moved to the rambling Greenwood home of his uncle, the late William G. Yerger.

He attended Mississippi State University for part of a year.

Beckwith has one son, a teen-ager. His marital life has been stormy. He married the former Mary Louise Williams, daughter of Mrs. Jesse R. Williams and the late Mr. Williams of Knoxville, Tenn. She too, is from a pioneer Southern family. She is a descendant of Roger Williams, the founder of Rhode Island. She attended Hunter College in New York City and is a former Wave.

They have been divorced, reconciled and remarried. Now they are separated.

News of Beckwith's arrest brought surprise and dismay. Mayor C. E. Sampson said: "We have had our troubles here. I don't know what this will do. I don't think it should penalize us—just because of the fact that . . ."

—United Press International Telephone

**MURDER CHARGE**—Byron de La Beckwith, 42, of Greenwood, Miss., is accused of the sniper slaying of Medgar Evers, NAACP leader.

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## Beckwith Gets 2-Month Delay

(UPI) — A circuit court judge Under those circumstances, Monday granted a two-month Beckwith would be under the delay before ruling on whether cloud of the murder indictment until some future action were taken.

Byron De La Beckwith must go on trial a third time in the ambush slaying of Negro leader Medgar Evers.

Judge Leon Hendrick approved a request by Dist. Atty. William Waller to postpone further action until the July term of Hinds County Circuit Court.

Beckwith remained free on \$10,000 bond set after his second trial ended in a hung jury April 17. His first trial earlier this year also was declared a mistrial with the jury unable to agree on a verdict.

Under state law, the 43-year-old Greenwood salesman could be tried indefinitely for the killing of Evers, who was state field secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. Evers was killed in the driveway of his Jackson home June 12, 1963.

The state could request a third trial, or recommend that the case simply be placed in an inactive file to be brought out if and when new evidence is found or if and when the prosecution decided to press it again.

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# Jury Deadlocks; Beckwith Freed On \$10,000 Bond

—Byron De La Beckwith Friday was released from jail for the first time in 10 months on a \$10,000 bond following his second mistrial for the murder of Negro leader Medgar Evers.

Within two hours of the mistrial, the 43-year-old salesman was led through a basement corridor of the Hinds County Courthouse, placed prone in the back seat of a car and whisked away by Sheriff Fred Pickett and a deputy. At 3:15 p.m., the two officers and Beckwith arrived at the LeFlore County sheriff's office in Greenwood.

Standing behind the courthouse after completing bond arrangements, the jubilant former Marine said, "I'm anxious to go back to work just as soon as possible and start calling on the trade again." He said he would return to his job as a fertilizer salesman.

Judge Leon F. Hendrick declared the second murder trial a mistrial at 11:40 Friday morning after the jury deadlocked 8-to-4 for acquittal during 10 hours of deliberations.

The jurors quickly left the courthouse where they had been housed during the 11-day trial. The first trial ended Feb. 7 with a 6-6 tie vote.

One of the jurors said the 12-man, all-white panel balloted "over and over" but failed to break the deadlock which developed during Thursday night's session.

Beckwith showed no emotion when the mistrial was declared.

Fifteen minutes later, the judge set Beckwith's bond at \$10,000 returnable to the May term of court, and set machinery in motion to have Beckwith released promptly. Dist. Atty. William Waller did not oppose bond as he did after the arrest. No bond hearing was requested after the first mistrial.

The district attorney said a third trial, unusual in Mississippi, was "not definite at this time" and added that "future events" including defense motions and docket setting would have to be taken into consideration.

He noted the May term of court, to which the case was automatically continued, was for civil matters.

"I have no reason to think it won't," commented chief defense counsel Hardy Lott when asked if the case would be tried again. "But I never heard of its being done (a third time)."

"I don't think we could present what evidence we have any better than we did this time," Mr. Waller said. "The defense's case was much better this time since they had more witnesses, more time to prepare to meet our case."

Should the case be remanded to the files without a third trial, a legal authority said Beckwith will be allowed to remain free at a reduced bond but with the possibility of a future trial hanging over his head. The source said only voiding the indictment by the judge would remove that threat.

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# Beckwith surprises own lawyer

## Evers slay suspect seeks appeal right

By The Associated Press

Byron De La Beckwith, apparently worried that his stay of execution might be dissolved, has filed his own appeal with the Tennessee Supreme Court.

Beckwith filed an application for permission to appeal on Monday without the knowledge of his court-appointed attorney, Russell Bean of Chattanooga. "I was just flabbergasted and floored at first," Debbie Mays, a spokeswoman for Bean's office, said Tuesday.

Beckwith, 70, of Signal Mountain is charged with murder in the 1963 slaying of civil rights leader

Medgar Evers, and Mississippi has been trying to extradite him since late last year.

The Tennessee Court of Criminal Appeals ruled June 3 that Beckwith should be returned to Mississippi to stand trial.

Two days later, the Mississippi attorney general's office asked the appeals court to lift a stay that allowed Beckwith to remain in Tennessee while he appealed extradition. Bean filed a reply to that request on June 6, noting his intention to appeal the appeals court ruling with the Supreme Court by the July 3 deadline.

Beckwith, who has vowed to fight his extradition "tooth, nail and claw," apparently didn't want to wait for Bean to file the appeal, Mays said. "They were worried that the Court of Appeals was go-

ing to rule on that motion to dissolve the stay and they would grant it and he would be gone to Mississippi."

Evers, a field secretary for the NAACP, was shot to death on June 12, 1963, in front of his Jackson, Miss., home. Beckwith was tried twice by all-white juries in 1963, but neither could reach a verdict, and the murder charge was dropped in 1969.

However, a second indictment was returned late last year in Jackson after authorities said new evidence had surfaced, and Beckwith was arrested Dec. 17.

In his 28-page appeal brief, Beckwith crossed out Bean's name three times and wrote, "Byron De La Beckwith Pro Se." Pro se means a client is his own lawyer.

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solute. Find someone who lends \$10 for \$11, and you will be in the presence of a hired hand of the ruler of the world, a small time imitator who will soon be teaching us to imitate himself. "By their acts...."

"Dear Mr. Hoskins: I had a math teacher who once claimed that she was forced to teach math. A math teacher in the same school was forced to teach history. The teacher was crazy? P.A. - Tennessee

ED: It's hard to believe that it's not the other way around ... due to a creation of the public school system, Peter ... do you know who Captain John Smith was. ... was he a Kemetic West, a Shiite, or a Zionist. He was a junior in a religious college and didn't know what a Phineas Priest was either.

"Dear Mr. Hoskins: The word "Phinehas" in Strong's Concordance means "mouth of the serpent." Why?" H. R. - Oklahoma

ED: Abraham came from the Chaldees, the Chaldees came from the ancient Sumerians, along with the Babylonians, Hittites, Phoenicians, Indians, Greeks, and Egyptians. The ancient Sumerian translation of "serpent" means "mouth of serpent" ... the mouth of the serpent ... the mouth of the serpent ...

the serpent is bad, the garden is good ... that's good. The serpent in the garden is bad. It's good is either good or bad depending on usage. God created a whole breed of the Phineas and blessed it for all time. Right. That's good.

"Dear Mr. Hoskins: I was reading the book of Jubilees and ran across the following which merely re-enforces other like scriptures:

"If there is any man in Israel who desires to give his daughter or his sister to ... the Gentiles, he shall surely die ... for Israel is holy to the Lord ... And to this law there is no limit of days and no ceasing and no forgiveness ... And that Moses command the children of Israel ... that they shall not give any of their daughters to the Gentiles and that they shall not take any of the daughters of the Gentiles; for ... it is disgraceful to Israel ... for it is unclean and accursed to Israel ... for there will be plagues upon plagues, curse upon curse, and all punishment and plagues and curses will come ... and if they blind their eyes to those that commit uncleanness ... then shall the whole people together be punished." Jubilees 30:6-13

ED: Strangers bring plague. Plagues have almost destroyed entire nations. Non-venereal syphilis plague came from the Indians of Mexico, bubonic plague from the Orient, black plague from the Mideast, etc. Man, transgressing with "humans", brings God's curse. It's the Law.

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FBI FORMER: Another potential witness who was not called in the original trial (of Byron de la Beckwith) is Delmar Dennis ... Dennis said in a book published 18 years ago, that Beckwith told him he had shot Evers. ... Dennis was a Baptist minister. *The New American*, p. 29, April 9, 1991.

ED: The parade of FBI witnesses at the Fort Smith Section Trial bring so many contradictory things, that one would have to believe anything they said. At that time another preacher-informer was said to have prepared a grand jury to charge a grand-jury against those he had thus informed. Sixteen years after de la Beckwith's first trial, they struck off the tired old statements by another preacher-informer for a last ditch THIRD trial. The talk should be about double-jeopardy! Or better - about informers. Is it true that almost every FBI informer is an informer to keep from prison himself? Are informer's crimes reviewed by juries? If not - they certainly should be.

PATRIOT MISSILE: (From) the Pentagon comes word that the Bush Administration is planning to sell the technology for the Patriot missile to the Soviet Union. This is the same Patriot

missile that has in the past decade been restricted to friendly countries. *THE NEW AMERICAN*, p. 4, Apr 9, 1991.

ED: The red bear menace must be made believable to justify the multi-billion dollar defense expenditures. A dissent ... Patriot ... will result in a new improved Scud which will feature an updated multi-billion dollar Patriot which will require an updated ... etc. etc. etc. Smile! It's "the good life."

TOE SUCKER: "Authorities are preparing warrants for the arrest of a convicted toe sucker ... charged with three counts ..."

A woman who reported that a man who came to her house to buy firewood Saturday ... offered her \$20 to suck her toes. The woman refused.

A Cabot woman ... said she was working Wednesday ... when a man ... reached for her foot.

"The 3rd incident occurred Monday when a man asked a woman in Cabot ... at the Sonic Drive-in ... to let him suck her toes.

"(The man) pleaded guilty last fall to ... assault and harassment charges ... that stemmed from similar incidents last year. He was fined and put on probation." *The Gazette*, Feb 17, 1991

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Dear Mr. Hoskins: If banks refuse to lend money - business will stop. If they lend \$10 for \$11 without decreasing the debt out of existence in depressions now and then - debt will grow so large that people will pay everything they earn to the banks for principal and interest and there will be nothing left for anything else. It would seem that taxes are concessions - that being debt-free is not enough. You must still borrow \$11 for \$11 to pay the taxes - if you don't, they foreclose. They don't bankrupt us from top to bottom - like it or not. J. A. Johnson

Dear Dick: Why is sugar so important? I have a question.

3D. God has been made backward-looking again, which  
is what had been made just another commodity.

After the Japanese had been defeated, they were forced over to Japan. The Chinese government took over and exchanged them for the Japanese.

*La gente que viene a visitar el país*

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ED: Thanks. As a side note, most of the touring rabbis knew Latin and Greek and had more or less a smattering of Hebrew. They knew precisely what they were talking about when they said that all "men" are created equal.

Dear Mr. Hoskins: I've read *Mythemes of Christendom*. "Excellent!" I pray that God will watch over you and yours. Please send me 5 more copies. W. B. F. 1954

Dear Mr. Hoskins: Have you sent my book to a printer.  
Local and Mississippi legal documents now and will be  
available of publication. Please let me know when it is ready for sale  
Baptist Church Tennessee.

**ED:** Mr. de la Beckwith, son of a former anti-fascist in America and before that in England, age 70, was beaten and released by police being accompanied by the Black Panthers, the Black radical civil rights leaders. Under Soviet TV media recently announced that after 10 days in prison he has

once more been arrested and will be tried a third time. It is claimed that two witnesses have turned forward after having been quiet for 20 years. His book which will soon be in print, will be interesting reading.

to forsake our religious  
Kinston, NC 28581, cc  
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**Tit 3:1** Be subject to every ordinance of man,  
magistrates. Tit 3:1 The authorities have the right to  
order citizens to do whatever they say, and others are re-  
quired by God to obey their masters.

ED: God does not war against - *and* his citizens cannot be interpreted so that some scripture will war with other scripture. God does not fight himself. It is true that citizens must obey authorities placed over them, but this assumes that the authorities are just and are obeying God's commands. If there is a conflict - God's law prevails.<sup>1</sup> The overriding law is *Fear God, and keep his commandments* for this is the King's duty of men. Eccles. 12:1<sup>2</sup>

"Dear Mr. Hoskins: The LA Times says that 90 languages are spoken here in the LA school district. C. E. - California

"Dear Mr. Hoskins: How do I get a copy of my file that the FBI keeps in their data banks on American citizens?" D. R. Wisconsin

**ED:** Write a note such as the following. "Dear Sir, Please send me a copy of my FBI file, under the Freedom Of Information Act. Thanking you, I am Sincerely, (signature). Have your signature notarized so that the FBI will know that they are at releasing your file to a third party, and send it to FBI Washington, D.C." If you have a file, you will receive only parts of it. It will be well-censored.

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# Ex-Klansman won't testify against Beckwith

The Associated Press

JACKSON, Miss. — A former Klansman now living in Sevierville says he fears for himself and his family if he testifies against a white supremacist accused of killing NAACP leader Medgar Evers in Jackson 28 years ago.

In a May 2 letter to Hinds County prosecutors, Delmar Dennis said he won't testify against Byron De La Beckwith.

He also wrote that he is weary of dealing with constant publicity about the case.

"We all feel that we have suffered enough for my stand and nobody gave a damn, so there is no point in taking further risks," Dennis, 51, wrote.

He said he would become a potential target of white supremacists known as "Phinehas priests," who consider themselves God's executioners.

"You don't know when they're going to strike. They're not going to warn you," Dennis said in an interview this week. "Nothing is quite so dangerous as a religious fanatic who

thinks he's doing the Lord's will."

Dennis operates a small publishing house in Sevierville.

Hinds County Assistant District Attorney Bobby DeLaughter wouldn't comment Thursday on Dennis' letter.

Last May, Dennis provided prosecutors with a break in reopening the Evers slaying investigation. He told how he had heard Beckwith brag at an Aug. 8, 1965, Klan rally near Jackson about the killing.

An indictment Dec. 14 charges Beckwith, 70, with murder. Beckwith, of Signal Mountain, Tenn., remains jailed in Chattanooga. He is fighting extradition to Mississippi.

Evers' widow, Myrlie, said Dennis' decision was upsetting. "I would hope witnesses would ... have the strength to come forward with the truth in pursuit of justice in this case," she said.

Beckwith's wife, Thelma, said Thursday night Dennis "is dangerous ... He's guilty of lying."

Beckwith "is going to come out on top. Ev-

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erybody loves him," she said.

Evers, field director for the state NAACP, was shot to death June 12, 1963, outside his Jackson home.

Beckwith was tried twice in 1964 for murder, but both trials ended when all-white juries deadlocked.

He would face a life sentence if convicted.

The Phinehas priesthood is glowingly described in a 1990 book *Vigilantes of Christendom* by Richard Kelly Hoskins of Lynchburg, Va.

Hoskins compares members to Japanese kamikaze pilots of World War II.

The book holds up as a hero the Biblical character of Phinehas, Moses' great-nephew, who killed a couple Hoskins maintains were guilty of "race mixing."

Hoskins, who publishes a monthly newsletter catering to white supremacists, could not be reached for comment Thursday.

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# Can't get fair trial, says man accused of killing Evers

By Stan DeLozier  
News-Sentinel staff writer

Byron De La Beckwith, charged with the 1963 murder of civil rights leader Medgar Evers, fears he cannot get a fair trial if he is returned to Mississippi for prosecution, his court-appointed attorney said Tuesday.

"People have told him that times have changed in Mississippi," said Chattanooga lawyer Russell Bean, shortly after he argued against Beckwith's extradition before the Tennessee Court of Criminal Appeals. "He's afraid of the system there now."

Beckwith, 70, has lived in Signal Mountain, Tenn., near Chattanooga since 1983. He is charged with the sniper killing of Evers near Evers' home in Jackson, Miss., on June 12, 1963. Two trials in 1964 ended with hung juries when the all-white panels were unable to reach a decision.

During the 1960s a state-appointed Sovereignty Commission held sway in Mississippi. It screened jurors on the basis of their racial attitudes prior to Beckwith's trials.

Since the Sovereignty Commission was abolished in the mid-1970s and blacks are serving on juries,

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Beckwith is afraid he would be "railroaded," Bean said.

"He (Beckwith) has made some very inflammatory racial remarks," Bean said. "I think it would be hard for a black juror to disregard some of the things he's said."

Prosecutors brought charges against Beckwith for a third time in December saying they had new evidence. He was indicted by a Hinds County, Miss., grand jury and arrested on a fugitive warrant and later was held on a governor's warrant signed by Gov. Ned McWherter. Beckwith has been in Hamilton County Jail without bond since his arrest.

In his argument to the three-member appeals court, Bean said extradition was improper because Beckwith was illegally arrested on a fugitive warrant when he was taken into custody by Hamilton County authorities last December. Also, he maintained that the extradition process was faulty because McWherter failed to properly review documents before signing a governor's warrant, which is necessary if extradition is contested.

Bean argued that for Beckwith to have been arrested on a fugitive warrant he would have to have been fleeing to avoid prosecution.

"The crime was committed in 1963," Bean said. "Byron De La Beckwith went to trial twice and was not convicted. He ran for election as lieutenant governor of Mississippi in 1967. The charges against him were dropped in 1969. In no way has this man fled to avoid prosecution."

However, Kathy Principe, assistant state attorney general, countered that "within the meaning of the law" Beckwith is a fugitive. She said issuance of a fugitive warrant is proper anytime a suspect is arrested in a state other than the one in which the crime is committed.

Bean said he wants a hearing in Hamilton County so that he can present evidence that McWherter did not sufficiently review the case before signing the governor's warrant. He said the paperwork was sent from Mississippi on Dec. 21 and was signed by McWherter on Dec. 30, a Sunday when few state employees were at work.

"It takes 30 to 60 days for a proper review in such a situation," Bean said.

He claims McWherter was not at his office during the holidays and was preparing to travel to New Orleans where the University of Tennessee football team was to play in the Sugar Bowl on Jan. 1.

"If we can get a hearing, I intend to subpoena the governor and two of his assistants to question them about these things," Bean said.

Bean charged that there was a "secret" agreement between officials in Tennessee and Mississippi to "rush" the proceedings because of pressure from civil rights organizations that want to see Beckwith prosecuted.

"I think he (McWherter) was getting a lot of pressure in this case," Bean said. He said he has evidence that members of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference petitioned McWherter to cooperate in the extradition.

"It was a hot potato and there were some instructions to get this case and get this man out of here," Bean said.

Principe acknowledged that McWherter signed the warrant on Sunday, but noted that is not illegal. Also, she said if officials did speed up the proceedings, that too is not improper.

Beckwith, who has vowed to fight extradition "tooth, nail and claw," is prepared to take the issue all the way to the U.S. Supreme Court if necessary, Bean said.

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# Work against Klan devastated his life, Delmar Dennis says

**BY BETTY BEAN**  
of The Journal staff

SEVIERVILLE — When Delmar Dennis was a young man in Mississippi, he joined the Ku Klux Klan, became an informant for the FBI and helped put away the killers of three civil rights workers.

That good deed has come close to ruining him, he says.

"It has devastated my life. I was ordained a minister at the age of 18, and people I thought were my friends turned on me and never were my friends again," he said. "I have had a very hard time making a living, and just about when everybody forgets about it, something else comes up. The 25th anniversary of something, the movie 'Mississippi Burning,' and now this."

"This" is the arrest this week of Byron de la Beckwith for the 1963 murder of Medgar Evers. A

long-overlooked statement Dennis made in a book published in 1975 finally got noticed this year, and Dennis will be a major witness in Beckwith's trial this summer.

These days Dennis, who owns a printing company in Sevier County, has gone back into the ministry. He wears clerical garb and pastors a new Reform Church congregation that meets in a Pigeon Forge motel.

He is dreading going back to Jackson to testify.

"I'll be doing a lot of praying to get ready for that," he said.

He has been long been active in conservative politics, and in 1984 was a candidate for president on the ultra-right American Party ticket. But being a conservative Christian identified with the civil right

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struggle deprived him of natural allies, he says.

"I've stood alone. Whites rejected me as a traitor, blacks couldn't embrace me because I was so conservative. And I've never had a thank-you letter from anybody. Not from the families of the victims or anybody. Nothing. I've stood alone. And it's been very lonely."

The biggest reward he has reaped from his involvement was something he overheard his son tell a friend:

"He said 'My dad is my hero,'" Dennis said.

He says has not been able to benefit from helping make history. "Sevier County people have never been anything but nice, but it's a natural tendency for people to shy away from someone who's identified with controversy.

"And my poor wife never thought 23 years after she married me she'd still be dealing with front-page stories and TV shows."

The latest TV show after Dennis is "60 Minutes." He has been approached about doing an interview.

"I don't know about television," he said. "They edit and splice and put things together until they get up saying what they had in mind all along."

He says he keeps thinking "someday this will be over, and I'll get a book published and go on the speaking circuit. I have never made a dime off my experiences."

He never knew Medgar Evers, but says almost everyone in Mississippi thought Beckwith killed him.

"He was a Klan hero because they believed he killed Medgar Evers," Dennis said. "He was known to brag about doing it, although I never heard him point-blank say he did it."

Dennis, 50, moved to Sevier County in 1976. He had gained national attention in 1967 for testify-

ing against the killers of three young civil rights workers whose bodies were found in an earthen dam near Philadelphia, Miss., the year after Evers was gunned down in the driveway of his Jackson home.

While Dennis was in his early 20s, he was a Klan Titan (administrative officer) who worked undercover for 3 years as an FBI informant. He came to know Beckwith, now 70, in the course of that work.

He describes Beckwith as a dangerous, dedicated cheerleader for violence.

"Beckwith scares me," Dennis said. "The kind of raw hatred he exhibited is a frightening thing to see, and there were few people in the Klan as vicious. Klan work is his whole life, and while I have never been impressed with his intelligence, he has spent his whole life concentrating on what he is most dedicated to — white supremacy."

When Dennis first met him, Beckwith was stumping the state in a run for the office of lieutenant governor. He often urged younger Klansmen to violence, Dennis says.

"He'd say 'you ought to get out there and do some killing yourself. Kill from the top down, starting with the President of the United States.'"

Twice tried for murder in the Evers killing, Beckwith walked free after two all-white juries failed to agree on a verdict. Not long after, he spent several years in a federal penitentiary for trying to smuggle dynamite across the Louisiana state line. Now a fertilizer salesman living in Signal Mountain, he was rearrested this week in the Evers killing, and will be tried late next summer in Jackson.

The case was reopened primarily because of the work of a Jackson newspaper reporter whose research unearthed evidence of misconduct in Beckwith's trials. The reporter also came across something Dennis said in a 1975 book about his experiences called "Klandestine."

"Killing that nigger gave me no more inner discomfort than our

wives endure when they give birth to our children," Dennis recalled Beckwith saying, without specifically mentioning Evers. "We ask them to do that for us. We should do just as much."

Why did it take so long for the quote to be noticed and the case reopened?

Dennis cites a number of factors. It's a new day in Mississippi, he says. In 1964, blacks couldn't serve on juries because jury lists were drawn from voter's roles, and blacks weren't allowed to vote. In fact, it was Evers' work registering his people to vote that led to his death, Dennis said.

Given the violence of the people his testimony will offend, Dennis says he worries about his family's safety.

Local law enforcement authorities have offered to help, and agents from the Knoxville FBI bureau have gauged their response time to his home.

But his main line of defense, he says, is his faith.

There is a small bronze statue in his office inscribed with the words he says have been his shield through the years since he left Mississippi.

"No weapon formed against you shall prosper."

Frozen in bronze, sword poised to finish off the fallen Goliath, David stands triumphant over his enemy.

"I keep hoping David's going to win one," Dennis said.



Sevierville resident Delmar Dennis is expected to be a major witness in the new trial of white supremacist Byron de la Beckwith.

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# Beckwith posts bond, vows to fight extradition

By Associated Press

CHATTANOOGA — White supremacist Byron De La Beckwith was released on \$15,000 bond Tuesday pending a February hearing on whether he should be returned to Mississippi to stand trial a third time for the 1963 slaying of civil rights leader Medgar Evers.

The 70-year-old Beckwith, who now lives on nearby Signal Mountain, was indicted on a murder charge again by a Hinds County, Miss., grand jury in the Evers case, District Attorney Ed Peters said Tuesday in Jackson, Miss.

Appearing with his wife, Thelma, Beckwith told General Sessions Court Judge Horace L. Smith that he intended to fight any effort to extradite him to Mississippi.

"I'm going to resist it tooth, nail and claw," Beckwith said. "Because I think that all this is nonsense, poppycock and just something to stir the people up ... and incite the lower forms of life to force and violence against the country clubs."

Beckwith was tried twice in 1964 in the slaying of Evers, who was field secretary for the NAACP when he was killed by a sniper's bullet in front of his Jackson, Miss., home on June 12, 1963.

Each trial ended in a deadlocked jury and the murder charge was dismissed in

1969, but the case was eventually reopened amid charges of jury and evidence tampering.

Assistant Hamilton County prosecutor Rodney Strong asked Smith to withhold bond or at least set it higher on grounds that Beckwith posed a threat to others associated with the case.

Strong, noting that Beckwith had a passport and had once made plans to visit a friend in Mexico, also expressed fears that the defendant might jump bond to avoid returning to Mississippi.

But the judge agreed with Beckwith's court-appointed attorney, Russell Bean, who argued that the Beckwiths, who have lived on Signal Mountain for seven years, did not appear to be a threat to flee.

"I have no evidence he's going to run or he's apt to run," said Smith.

The judge ordered Beckwith to return to court on Feb. 22 for a hearing to consider whether he should be returned to Mississippi on a warrant by Gov. Ray Mabus.



Byron De La Beckwith, center, makes point at bond hearing. At left is his attorney, Russell Bean, and at right is his wife, Thelma.

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# A town-stunning history

## Few aware of neighbor's link to Evers slaying

By Bill Nichols  
USA TODAY

**SIGNAL MOUNTAIN, Tenn.** — Thelma Neff says this of her once-again-in-the-headlines husband, Byron De La Beckwith: "If men were a fourth as good ... we wouldn't have any problems in America."

But to most of his neighbors in this fog-shrouded Chattanooga suburb, the man accused of killing civil rights activist Medgar Evers is little more than a quiet eccentric who hung a Confederate flag outside his front door — and who now is bringing a bad name to their town.

Says Joseph Wagner, a Signal Mountain lawyer who's lived here 73 years: "He's just a poor old fellow who's out of

kilter, out of date. You can't help but feel sorry for somebody like that. It's kind of pathetic."

An admitted white supremacist, the 70-year-old Beckwith — his middle name is pronounced DEE-LAY — and friends call him "Delay" — is in

isolation in the Hamilton County jail.

He is being held without bond, awaiting hearings next week on his extradition to Jackson, Miss., where he's charged with murdering Evers on June 12, 1963. Beckwith's Chattanooga lawyer, Russell Bean, says his client is a "political prisoner."

Twice he's been tried for the crime, and in both trials, conducted in 1964, all-white juries failed to reach verdicts. Beckwith, whose fingerprints were found on the .30.06-caliber rifle that killed Evers, says the gun was stolen from him and that he's innocent.



UPI (1963 photo)

**EVERS:** Slain activists' case will be retried after 28 years

Most people here knew nothing or Beckwith's role in the Evers case. Nor did they know of his 1977 conviction in Louisiana for possessing explosives.

So a Mississippi grand jury decision in December to re-indict Beckwith shocked many in this community of 7,200 — a mix of longtime residents and "new money" Chattanooga professionals who can peer down some 1,000 feet at the downtown skyline below.

Beckwith moved to the area eight years ago when he married Neff, a registered nurse whose family has lived on the mountain for generations.

"I mean, Beckwith — who is he?" says Lew Porter, a building inspector. "I think he kept his mouth shut and his sheets clean while he was up here."

G.Z. "Bome" Patten, publisher of the monthly Signal Mountain Newsletter, remembers when Neff told friends she'd met "this wonderful man from Mississippi and they were going to get married."

Patten, while stressing that Beckwith was "no trouble at all," also remembers Beckwith tried to sell subscriptions to right-wing publications at the local barber shop.

Beckwith also pushed him to publish an article saying "the Jews are destroying the country."

But Beckwith was always well-dressed, polite — "not what we would call a typical Southern redneck," Patten says. "I like him. I still do. He's a nice guy."

Neff, 80, says she's worried sick that

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her husband, who suffers from a heart condition, won't survive.

"None of it's fair. He's such a wonderful Christian," she says. Mississippi officials, she says, are "giving in to the blacks too much."

Beckwith, through his lawyer, declined to be interviewed unless he was paid \$5,000.

Neff, pointing to a brimming basket of mail in her wood-paneled living room, says Beckwith is getting support from across the nation.

She says the people of Signal Mountain stand behind her husband as well.

In fact, Signal Mountain — a place so safe and quiet that, as developer Tim

Downey puts it, "the police will still get your cat down out of the tree" — was once called "paradise" by Beckwith, because of its racial makeup.

Mayor Bernard Wolfe says there are only two or three black families here, and concedes some have been subjected to racial slurs.

Ku Klux Klan activity was reported on the mountain in the past.

Some "good ol' boys" remain, Wolfe says, in the mountain's rural outback.

But residents deeply resent implications that they share Beckwith's outlook.

"He would be a real rarity," says Downey. "If he's a white supremacist, he's the first I've ever met up here."

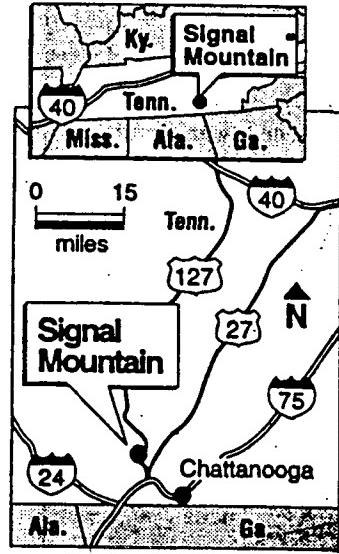


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**AT HOME:** Byron De La Beckwith on his front porch in Signal Mountain, Tenn. He's now in jail awaiting hearings on extradition to Mississippi.



**MOUNTAIN NATIVE:** Thelma Neff, a registered nurse whose family has lived on the mountain for generations, is worried that her husband, who ~~had~~ heart condition won't survive jail.



By Marty Baumann, USA TODAY

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# Beckwith faces third trial for 1963 slaying of Evers

**BY LEE HOWARD**  
Gannett News Service

**SIGNAL MOUNTAIN** — Byron De La Beckwith doesn't look like a man who again faces charges in the 1963 sniper-style shooting death of civil rights activist Medgar Evers.

The grandfatherly 70-year-old is quick with a disarming smile and a welcoming twinkle in his eye. But the image falls apart as soon as he opens his mouth.

"We need to re-establish a confederate state of America as a white Christian republic. We don't need any dark-skinned, yellow-skinned or blue-skinned mongrels running it," Beckwith says.

Beckwith was arrested on a fu-



Beckwith

gitive warrant from Hinds County, Miss., on Monday and was being held in the Hamilton County, Tenn., jail Monday night. Facing an arraignment Tuesday, he says he would fight extradition to Mississippi "tooth, nail and claw."

Evers, the Mississippi NAACP field secretary, was shot in the back in his driveway in Jackson, Miss., on June 12, 1963, with a 1917 model 30.06 Enfield rifle. Beckwith's fingerprint was found on the sight of the rifle, which was discarded near the scene.

He was tried twice for murder in 1964. Two all-white juries were unable to reach a verdict and mistrials were declared. The murder charge against Beckwith was dismissed in 1969.

The drive for a third trial began in October 1989 when the Jackson (Miss.) Clarion-Ledger reported

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that the state Sovereignty Commission had investigated prospective jurors and reported its findings to defense attorneys in Beckwith's second trial.

The 1956 Legislature created the commission to preserve and promote segregation. In its heyday of the 1960s, it spied on and harassed civil rights workers.

Hinds County (Jackson) District Attorney Ed Peters said the jury-tampering question may make it possible to try Beckwith again.

The new indictment could improve race relations in Mississippi and help the state's national image, educators and black leaders said.

"It can be good, and it can be bad. It opens old wounds, certainly. But it brings some salvation to persons who thought he would never be brought to trial," said Aaron Henry, president of the Mississippi chapter of the NAACP.

"I think it could have positive effects nationally," said John Marszalek, a history professor at Mississippi State University.

"That was a heinous crime. I just can't believe that, in 1990, there would be anyone who would defend anything like that happening."

Evers' 57-year-old widow Myrlie, now a city commissioner in Los Angeles, said the slaying is "an inner part of me that still hurts, that still bleeds, that is still very raw."

Following the murder, she and her three children flew several times to New York for psychiatric treatment.

She said the pain proved too much to stay on in Mississippi. "We couldn't stay in that house because of the memories there," she said. "Every time you walked out the front door you could see Medgar's body and blood. It was hard, very hard."

Beckwith has maintained he is innocent. But his philosophy permits no room for blacks, Jews, Asians or any race other than white.

"There are only three kinds of people that live in Mississippi," he said in an interview Sunday at his home in Signal Mountain, just north of Chattanooga. "Whites, colored and trash, and there's very little trash in Mississippi."

He delivered his lectures in a pair of comfortable khakis, white socks and loafers — one moment sitting on a sofa waving his arms to illustrate a point, the next standing to burst forth with another characterization of all people who are not "white, right and on the Christian side of every issue."

Other Beckwithisms:

■ The U.S. income tax is a "Jewish, anti-Christian, communist" tax.

■ "Labor unions are about as popular as niggers in white churches."

■ "AIDS is as contagious as the common cold. Anyone who tells you different is lying. I don't care what Jewish university they came from."

■ "Fifty percent of the Roman Catholic bishops and priests are queer. Hell, everybody knows that."

His health deteriorating, he said he's more concerned about his circulatory system than a possible murder indictment.

Beckwith was released Friday from the Veterans Administration Medical Center in Nashville, Tenn., after undergoing surgery for a clot in his carotid artery.

"I don't feel good. I don't hear good. I don't see good," Beckwith said. "I'm getting a cataract in my right eye — and that's my shooting eye."

Beckwith is not at a loss when asked to explain why the 27-year-old case has been revived.

"The niggers have run out of something to do," he said.

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FBI MEMORANDUM  
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In Jackson—

# FBI Agents Probe Brutality Charges

JACKSON, Miss. (AP) — FBI agents today continued their investigation of Negro charges of police brutality in Mississippi's capital city.

At New Orleans, FBI headquarters said agents were conducting a preliminary inquiry at the request of the Justice Department's civil rights division.

National Association for the Advancement of Colored People leaders have protested police tactics used in breaking up a demonstration Wednesday. It was the first major racial incident in the state. Policemen used clubs and trained dogs to scatter the Negroes in front of the courtroom where nine Negro college students were tried and convicted for a sit-in at a Jackson public library reserved for whites.

Meanwhile in Washington, the Justice Department said it had received "assurances from responsible leaders in Jackson that no unnecessary force will be used."

Thursday night, Dr. Aaron Henry, president of the NAACP branches in Mississippi, told about 300 persons attending a mass meeting that he had wired President Kennedy to "halt this savage attack on Negro people in Mississippi."

Henry said Mississippi Negroes have been handed a "good do-it-yourself kit" in the struggle for human dignity.

Another Negro leader, the Rev. John D. Mangram called for no violence by Negroes seeking equal rights.

"All the things which our white friends do to us cannot prevent the forces that have been unleashed in this city and state," the minister said.

"Even though we be struck dead, we will not strike back. We must face what we have experienced and, in a measure, accept it. We must not become embittered at our white friends who have not the spiritual maturity we thought they had."

Clarence Mitchell, director of the Washington bureau of the NAACP, promised stronger civil rights action by the federal government.

"If Mississippi is to continue to get the eagle on the American dollar from Washington they had better get rid of Jim Crow," Mitchell said.

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TITLE OF CASE <b>"CHANGED"</b> UNKNOWN SUBJECTS, Officers, Jackson, Miss. Police Department; ██████████ - VICTIM; ██████████ VICTIM; MEDGAR WILEY EVERSON - VICTIM;  <b>(b)(7)(C)</b> ██████████ <b>VICTIM</b> ██████████ <b>VICTIM</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>SA ██████████</b>	CHARACTER OF CASE <b>(b)(7)(C)</b>	TYPE

The title of this case is being changed to include MEDGAR WILEY EVERSON as a victim and to add the correct name of ██████████

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### REFERENCES

Bureau telephone call to New Orleans, 3/29/61.  
New Orleans teletype to Bureau, 3/30/61, entitled, "NEGRO STUDENT SIT-IN ATTEMPT, JACKSON MUNICIPAL LIBRARY, WHITE BRANCH, JACKSON, MISS., 3/27/61; RACIAL MATTERS"  
New Orleans teletype to Bureau dated 3/30/61.

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### ENCLOSURES

**TO BUREAU:** Two copies of article appearing on Page 5A of State-Times, a daily newspaper at Jackson, Mississippi, on March 30, 1961, regarding the incidents occurring after the trial in Municipal Court, Jackson, Mississippi, that date.

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ADMINISTRATIVE

All persons interviewed were advised that this investigation was being conducted at the specific request of JOHN DOAR, Acting Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights Division, United States Department of Justice.

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**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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Miss. Police Department;**Character:**VICTIM; [REDACTED] VICTIM;  
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[REDACTED] CIVIL RIGHTS**Synopsis:**

(b)(7)(C) MEDGAR WILEY EVERES, Field Secretary, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), Jackson, Miss., advised that he had been informed that officers of the Jackson, Miss. PD on 3/28/61 broke up a peaceful march of Negro college students enroute to city jail to pray for the nine students arrested by the PD on 3/27/61, who had attempted a sit-in at the Municipal Library, Jackson. States tear gas and police dogs used by PD and many students struck with night sticks by officers; that [REDACTED] was roughly handled by officers. No police officers identified by him. EVERES subsequently advised that at time of trial of the nine Negroes in Municipal Court, Jackson, 3/29/61, that police dogs and officers with billy clubs were used to disperse crowd. States he was struck on back of head with revolver by white man in civilian clothing and also struck by one blow on back with billy club by each of two unidentified police officers. Observed two unidentified uniformed officers chasing and striking unidentified Negroes. On leaving scene, he met victim [REDACTED] who had been bitten by a police dog and whose coat was torn. EVERES observed victim [REDACTED] being treated by [REDACTED] for injuries suffered during incident. Believes he could identify two officers who struck him. [REDACTED] arrested in connection with assault on [REDACTED] revolver. [REDACTED] with snub-nosed .38

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Enclosures to U. S. Attorney, Jackson, Mississippi:

One copy of article on Page 5A of State-Times, a daily newspaper at Jackson, Mississippi, on March 30, 1961, regarding the incidents occurring after the trial in Municipal Court, Jackson, Mississippi, that date.

DETAILS:

This limited investigation was instituted on the basis of a request made of the Federal Bureau of Investigation by Mr. JOHN DOAR, Acting Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights Division, United States Department of Justice.

MEDGAR EVERE, Jackson, Mississippi, a representative of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), informed the Department on March 29, 1961, that fifty persons had been demonstrating in Jackson that day in connection with the arrest of nine students for a sit-in at the public library in Jackson and that they had been beaten by the police.

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On March 30, 1961, SA [redacted] advised [redacted] and SA [redacted] that an investi-  
gation was being instituted.

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Date 3/31/61

Mr. MEDGAR WILEY EVERE, 2332 Guynes Street, Jackson, Mississippi, Field Secretary, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, State of Mississippi, was interviewed on March 29, 1961, and furnished the following signed statement:

"Jackson, Mississippi  
"March 29, 1961

(b)(7)(C) "I, Medgar W. Evers, make the following free and voluntary statement to [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] who have identified themselves to me as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. No threats or promises have been made me to induce me to make this statement and I have been advised it may be used in a court of law.

"I am Field Secretary for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People for the State of Mississippi and live in Jackson, Mississippi.

(b)(7)(C) "At about 3:45 PM on March 28, 1961 I was in the office of [REDACTED] when [REDACTED] who is employed at [REDACTED] and who is a student at Jackson State College came to me.

"He told me that some of the students at Jackson State College were marching down Lynch Street peacefully enroute to the Jackson City Jail to pray at the steps of the jail for the nine young students who had been arrested on March 27, 1961, for sitting in at the City Library on N. State St. He said the group reached Lynch and Poindexter Street and saw a Police barricade. The students, about 50 in number then turned north on Poindexter Street and walked towards Pearl St. and turned east on Pearl, marching east to the vicinity of the Summers Hotel when they were stopped by a number of Jackson Police Department cars out of which officers dismounted with two dogs and began to use tear gas in the group to disperse the

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students. Many of the students were struck with night sticks by the officers.

[REDACTED] a student at Jackson State College, was roughly handled by officers, [REDACTED] told me. At this time [REDACTED] was carrying the American flag. [REDACTED] said [REDACTED] was handcuffed and taken to police headquarters where he was questioned extensively and later released without charge.

"I later learned that one or more of the Jackson State College Students had been struck by officers and needed medical attention. I sent one of the students, whose last name I recall as [REDACTED] to [REDACTED] not learn the extent of his injuries. I did not learn the extent of his injuries. I was not told the name or description of any officer involved and cannot identify them.

"I have read this statement consisting of this page and two preceding pages and state that it is true to the best of my knowledge."

"/s/ Medgar W. Evers

"Witness:

"/s/ [REDACTED]

Special Agent, FBI, New Orleans, La., 3/29/61

"/s/ [REDACTED]

Special Agent, FBI, New Orleans,

3/29/61.

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Mr. EVERS stated that all his information as set out above was hearsay with the exception of the fact that he sent to [REDACTED]

Mr. EVERS said that he could not be more specific as to details of the above since he was only repeating what had been told him for the most part.

He said that the only descriptive data that he could furnish concerning any of the participants was the description of [REDACTED] whom he described as follows:

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"I am Field Secretary for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People for the State of Mississippi and live in Jackson, Mississippi.

"At about 3:25 PM March 29, 1961 I parked my car on a commercial parking lot just west of the Jackson Mississippi Municipal Court Building and Police Station. I was accompanied by [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] for the Southeast United States who lives in [REDACTED] and who was in Jackson on business. A [REDACTED] who works for [REDACTED] was also with me. We had come to observe the trial of the nine students of Tougaloo Southern Christian College who were being tried in the Jackson Municipal Court in connection with a sit in at the Jackson Municipal Library on N. State Street on March 27, 1961.

"Prior to parking the car I had let [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] out at the entrance to the parking lot and parked my car alone.

"After parking I walked toward the Pascagoula Street entrance of the lot and passed in view of the

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Jackson Police Station which is in the same building as the Municipal Court.

"As I was walking I saw three uniformed officers of the Jackson Police Department, whom I can not identify or describe, looking out a window at me and one of them remarked "There he is, we ought to kill him". I smiled, did not reply, and joined my friends at the parking lot entrance.

"We were told by a police officer, uniformed, of the Jackson Police Department, that we could not get in to the trial because the court room was filled and that we would have to go across the street to stand. This street is Pascagoula Street. We crossed the street and were told by the same officer, whom I would recognize if I saw him again, that we must stand behind the sidewalk on the North side of the street, which borders a parking lot.

"We obeyed these instructions and stood there for about ten minutes when two of the defendants crossed the street at S. West and Pascagoula. At this time there were about 100 or more Negroes in this area together and a larger number of whites were in other areas of the parking lot near to Justice of the Peace Bell's office.

"At this time I would like to state that I parked my car in one parking lot as described and across the street there is another parking lot in the rear of the Mississippi Publishing Company building. The latter lot is where we were standing at this time.

"As the students crossed the street and walked toward the Municipal Court Building many of the Negroes applauded in a spontaneous recognition.

"At this point, which was at about 3:45 PM I heard an officer yell "disperse them" and at this time two police dogs were used to disperse the Negroes while at the same time "billy" clubs were being used. The dogs were on long leashes held by officers who were wearing white shirts.

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"At this time [REDACTED] left us and I did not see him again during the day. [REDACTED] and I were crossing S. West Street going toward Pearl Street when we became separated and I did not see her until about 35 minutes later at my office on Lynch St. As I was going towards Pearl Street I was struck once on the left rear part of my head with an object I assume was a revolver, by a white man in plain clothes. I do not know if he were an officer or not. I believe the object that struck me was a revolver because immediately after being struck I saw a snub-nose revolver, blue steel, approximately .38 caliber in his hand. He did not say anything to me. This blow did not knock me down and must have been a glancing blow. I did not say anything to him but kept on going as uniformed officers were hurrying the Negroes along away from the parking lot.

"I reached the corner of Pearl and S. West Street and as I turned to go west on the South side of Pearl Street I saw two uniformed officers chasing and striking Negroes indiscriminately with "billy" clubs. I believe I recognized one of the men being struck as a Tougaloo student, but I can not call his name at this time. I do not know the officers.

"After the officers stopped chasing the young men they turned and headed back toward the Municipal Court Building, going east. As they approached me, one of them who was ahead of the others said "Get going, boy" and I replied that I was going. As I passed him he struck me across the back just above the waist with his "billy" club. The other officer also struck me with his "billy" club in the same general part of the back.

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"As I was going west on Pearl Street, I met a [REDACTED] who had been bitten by a police dog and whose coat I observed was torn on the forearm of the left sleeve. He told me he had been bitten by a dog.

"At this point I was picked up by two friends, [REDACTED] and a lady with him, whom I know, but whose name I can not recall who took me to my office.

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[REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

"Shortly after arriving at my office I was asked to come to [REDACTED] Office on [REDACTED]. Upon arriving there I was shown [REDACTED] who was being treated by [REDACTED] for lacerations of the head and bruises of the right shoulder and right arm. [REDACTED] told me that he had been beaten on the arm and shoulder by the police, but as he was recalled he was struck on the head by a white man not in uniform. He said he had been beaten as the crowd was being dispersed. He told me he was refused entrance to the Municipal Court building where he intended to attend the trial.

"While at [REDACTED] office I asked him to examine me, which he did, and he said I was not seriously hurt. No cuts, bruises or swellings were visible but the places where I was struck give me pain now.

"I have read this statement consisting of this page and two preceding pages and state that it is true to the best of my knowledge.

"/s/ Medgar W. Evers

"Witness:

"/s/ [REDACTED] Special Agent, FBI, New Orleans, La., 3/29/61.

"/s/ [REDACTED] Special Agent, FBI, New Orleans, La., 3/29/61.

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In addition to the above information, Mr. EVERES stated that he could offer no further identification of the parties referred to in his statement.

Mr. EVERES stated that also he did not have any witnesses that he could name as having seen the attacks upon his person unless possibly [REDACTED] had seen him. He said that [REDACTED] was alongside him momentarily while he, EVERES, was leaving the scene and [REDACTED] was taking moving pictures of the action.

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EVERS said that while he did not know the names of the two officers who struck him with "billy" clubs, he felt that he would be able to recognize them if he saw them in uniform.

Mr. EVERES, while interview was in progress, on three occasions rubbed the back of his head and commented that it was sore. He turned his head to demonstrate where he was struck; however, Agents observed no visible marks or swelling.

EVERS also stated that all Negroes present in the area of the trial were dispersed by many police officers using "billy" clubs and two dogs, while whites in the same area were not molested. Mr. EVERES said that while he could not furnish the names of any witnesses to the above other than as named, he would be able to obtain names of other persons at the scene. He said neither [REDACTED] nor [REDACTED] reported injuries to themselves.

Mr. EVERES furnished the following descriptions:

Name:

Sex:

Race:

Age:

Height:

Weight:

Hair:

Eyes:

Marital status:

Address:

Employment:

Name:

Address:

Race:

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The following description of MEDGAR W. EVERSON was obtained from personal observation and interview:

Name:	MEDGAR WILEY EVERSON
Address:	2332 Guynes Street, Jackson, Mississippi
Race:	Negro
Sex:	Male
Age:	34
Date of birth:	July 2, 1925
Place of birth:	Decatur, Mississippi
Height:	5'11"
Weight:	185 pounds
Hair:	Black
Eyes:	Brown
Scars and marks	3/4" scar over right eyebrow; circular scar size of half dollar on right shin; scar on left shin bone.
Parents:	Deceased
Brothers and sisters:	Five brothers and sisters, all residing in Chicago
Marital status:	Married, wife: MYRLIE EVERSON, nee BEASLEY
Children:	Son: DARRELL KENYATTA EVERSON, 7; Son: JAMES VAN DYKES EVERSON, 15 months;
Arrests:	Daughter: REENA DENISE EVERSON, 6 years.
Military service:	No prior arrests, claims has case on appeal from conviction of contempt of court in Forrest County, Mississippi, in 1960. $2\frac{1}{2}$ years service, U. S. Army from October 28, 1943, to April 16, 1946, ASN 34-87- 4245.
Education:	Graduated from Alcorn A & M College, Lorman, Mississippi

Mr. EVERSON stated that while he could not identify any of the officers by name and while there were so many officers involved in the affair it was difficult to furnish descriptions, he would furnish the following descriptive data as best he could recall:

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Police Officer #1 (who hit him first on back with "billy" club):

Race:	White
Sex:	Male
Age:	25-30
Height:	6 feet
Weight:	200 pounds

EVERS said he did not recall seeing this officer prior to this time.

Police Officer #2 (with one of police dogs):

Race:	White
Sex:	Male
Height:	5'8"
Weight:	Stocky build
Age:	40-45
Clothes:	Wore white shirt and police uniform, no coat

Police Officer #3 (with one of police dogs)

Race:	White
Sex:	Male
Age:	Not known
Dress:	White shirt and police uniform, no coat

Man in civilian clothes who hit EVERES with pistol:

Race:	White
Sex:	Male
Age:	Unknown
Dress:	Dark suit with dark hat

Officer swinging club at Negroes as crowd dispersed:

Race:	White
Sex:	Male
Age:	50 or over
Height:	Short
Weight:	Heavy, "pot belly"
Rank:	Had gold Lieutenant bar

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Mr. EVERSON said that he would possibly be able to identify the above described officers if he saw them in uniform, but doubted that he could identify the man who hit him with the pistol. He said that he felt it would be very difficult to identify any of the officers involved with any particular act of violence as there was so much fast action; however, he said that he felt that the above described officers were the only ones that he would be able to identify.

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Enclosures to Bureau from New Orleans:

TWO copies of article appearing on Page 5A of State-Times,  
a daily newspaper at Jackson, Miss., on 3/30/61, regarding  
the incidents occurring after the trial in Municipal Court,  
Jackson, Miss., that date.

RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS, Officers of Jackson, Miss  
Police Department;

(b7D) [REDACTED] - VICTIM;  
[REDACTED] - VICTIM;  
MEDGAR EILEY EVERE - VICTIM;  
[REDACTED] - VICTIM;  
[REDACTED] - VICTIM

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# Student 'Sit-Ins' Convicted

Twenty-five Jackson police officers, brandishing night sticks and holding two snarling police dogs on leashes, broke up a demonstration Wednesday by a crowd of about 100 Negroes outside the municipal court building on Pascagoula St.

Inside the building, nine Negro college students were being convicted of staging a sit-in at the Municipal Library on N. State St. They were fined \$100 each on breach of peace charges and immediately filed notice of appeal.

Police surrounded the courthouse an hour before the trial began. A capacity crowd of about 120 spectators, Negroes on one side, whites on the other, jammed into the small courtroom.

Outside, groups of Negroes began congregating. Then, without warning, some of them began clapping their hands.

"All right men," shouted Capt. Beavers Armstrong. "Move 'em out." Police and the leashed dogs charged into the crowd. A Negro minister, the Rev. S. Leon Whitney, was bitten by one of the German police dogs. Several of the Negroes were struck by the nightsticks and the rest of the crowd scattered over a two-block area.

Thomas Armstrong, a Negro freelance photographer, on N. Parish St. attempted to enter the building and was ordered to leave. He mumbled something to an officer, who began chasing him. A white man joined the chase, pulled a revolver, and began beating Armstrong on the head and shoulder. Armstrong was taken to a doctor, bleeding.

Several hours later police arrested G.W. Hydrick, 55, a convicted bootlegger from nearby Rankin County, and charged him with the assault.

Hydrick met bond for \$125 at 5 p.m. and will appear in court Friday afternoon unless he forfeits bail on the charges of assault and battery and carrying a concealed weapon, both misdemeanors.



THE CHASE — Rankin county bootlegger G. W. "Red" Hydrick, with a pistol in his right hand, is shown chasing a Negro up South West Street as police dispersed mobs which gathered outside the Municipal Court Building Wednesday afternoon. Hydrick was later arrested by city police on charge of assault and battery and carrying a concealed weapon after he was seen beating a Negro over the head with a pistol.

(Staff Photo by Bart Parker)

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In New York, NAACP executive secretary Roy Wilkins fired off a telegram to Mississippi Gov. Ross Barnett, branding Jackson police "attackers rather than protectors." He told Barnett: "call off the dogs, Legree, Slavery is over."

Barnett said he had no comment on the matter. "I don't know a thing about the facts. I have so many things that are more important to attend to."

One of the Negroes struck was Medgar Evers, state field secretary for the NAACP. He was walking away when a police officer said, "You better run" and started swinging his night stick.

The only witnesses to appear at the trial were veteran police officers, Capt. J. L. Ray and Lt.

C. P. Wilson, testifying for the state, expressed the opinion that the presence of the students in the library constituted a breach of the peace.

Ray was asked by one of the two Negro defense lawyers why there was a breach of the peace involved in the sit-in. "It was the first time," replied Ray, "that the group, or any other out-of-town group had gathered there." The Negroes are students at Tougaloo College, a mile north of the Jackson city limits.

The word "Negro" was not mentioned in the trial.

Wilson testified he was called to the library and, upon arriving, found "a group of Ne-uh, people" there.

**DOG ROUTS NEGROES** — A German police dog belonging to the Vicksburg Police Department lunges at an unidentified Negro and rips his coat sleeve after officers used dogs to drive away noisy by-standers from the Municipal Court Building Wednesday afternoon.



**LAWMAN AND PHOTOGRAPHER** — Free-lance Negro photographer Thomas Armstrong is shown being chased from the area around the Municipal Court Building by Jackson policeman.

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UNSUBS, OFFICERS, JACKSON, MISS. RD.

REMYTEL APRIL ONE. WILLIS RANDALL WRENN IN INTERVIEW TODAY STATES WAS IN CROWD IN FRONT OF MUNICIPAL COURT BUILDING, JACKSON, MARCH TWENTYNEN AND IN DISPERSAL OF CROWD WAS STRUCK ONE BLOW ON WRIST BY UNIDENTIFIED JACKSON POLICE OFFICER WITH BILLY CLUB WHICH BLOW KNOCKED HIM TO GROUND WILLIS, WHO IS EIGHTYONE YEARS OLD, VISITED A DOCTOR CHRISTIAN, JACKSON WHO SUGGESTED XRAY OF WRIST WHICH WRENN HAS NOT HAD DONE

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Title: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS, Officers of Jackson,  
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Synopsis: MEDGAR EVERE, Field Secretary, NAACP, Jackson, Miss., advised that [REDACTED] desired to furnish info to FBI. EVERE stated [REDACTED] had told him he had been interviewed by FBI. [REDACTED] has not contacted Jackson, Miss. FBI agents and EVERE, informed of this, stated he would attempt to contact [REDACTED] to determine what had happened.(b)(7)C  
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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date April 10, 1961

(b)(7)(C) Mr. MEDGAR EVERES, Field Secretary, NAACP, Jackson, Mississippi, telephonically contacted the Jackson Resident Agency to advise that [REDACTED], also known as [REDACTED] desired to furnish some information to the FBI and would contact the Jackson Resident Agency on April 6, 1961.

At this time SA [REDACTED] informed Mr. EVERES that [REDACTED] for whom an appointment had been made by Mr. EVERES for an interview to take place on April 3, 1961 had not contacted the Jackson Resident Agency. Mr. EVERES was informed that inquiry was made by SA [REDACTED] at his, EVERES, office in an effort to have [REDACTED] advise if he desired to furnish any information. At this time, Mr. EVERES stated that he had seen [REDACTED] that day, April 5, 1961, and asked him if he had contacted the FBI and [REDACTED] told him that he had done this and EVERES had the impression that he had been interviewed. SA [REDACTED] informed EVERES that [REDACTED] had not been interviewed at the Jackson Resident Agency or at any other place in this matter by Special Agents of the FBI. Mr. EVERES stated that he would attempt to contact [REDACTED] to determine what had happened.

On 4/5/61 at Jackson, Mississippi File # NO 44-1250

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Title of this report is changed to show the names of [REDACTED] and WRENN as additional victims based on investigation reported therein. The full name of victim [REDACTED] which is also set forth.

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SA [REDACTED]  
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UNKNOWN SUBJECTS, Officers of Jackson,  
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[REDACTED] and WRENN and to reflect full name of [REDACTED] as REV. On 3/31/61 Mr. MEDGAR EVERE, Field Secretary, NAACP, Jackson, Miss. advised he had been contacted by other persons who had information concerning "police brutality" which they desired to furnish FBI. [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] and interviewed 3/31/61

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On 4/1/61 Mr. EVERS advised that [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] had information to furnish in this matter.

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[REDACTED] Victim WRENN, 81 years old, was struck one blow on wrist by unidentified police officer of Jackson PD during dispersal of crowd near Municipal Court Building 3/29/61. Was treated by doctor who suggested an x-ray but WRENN has not had this done.

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 4/5/61

Mr. MEDGAR EVERSON, Field Secretary, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), Jackson, Mississippi, telephonically advised that he had been contacted by five persons who could furnish information concerning "police brutality" in connection with recent events involving the Jackson, Mississippi Police Department. He said these individuals desired to furnish this information to the FBI. Arrangements were made with Mr. Evers for these persons to be interviewed at the Jackson Resident Agency on March 31, 1961.

On 3/31/61 at Jackson, Mississippi File # NO 44-1250

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Date 4/5/61

Mr. MEDGAR EVERE, Field Secretary, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, Jackson, Mississippi, telephonically advised that [REDACTED] had information he desired to furnish the FBI in connection with this matter and stated that [REDACTED] would be at the Jackson Resident Agency on April 3, 1961, at 4:00 PM.

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On 4/1/61 at Jackson, Mississippi File # NO 44-1250

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SA [REDACTED]

Date dictated 4/1/61

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 4/5/61

Mr. WILLIS RANDALL WRENN, 1523 Valley Street, Jackson, Mississippi, was interviewed at the Jackson Resident Agency. WRENN furnished the following signed statement:

"Jackson, Miss.  
"4/3/61"

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 "I, WILLIS RANDALL WRENN, hereby furnish the following voluntary statement to [redacted] and [redacted] who have identified themselves to me as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. On 3/29/61 I was in front of the Municipal Court Building, Jackson, Miss. in a large crowd which had gathered there. This was at about 4:00 PM. I had come there in hopes of attending the trial of some students from Tougaloo College who were being tried for going into a public library in Jackson. I was standing across the street from the court building when a number of Jackson police officers came running across the street yelling at us to get out. I started to head North across a parking lot and felt a blow across my left wrist and back. The blow knocked me down on my back and I looked up and saw a uniformed police officer standing over me. He had a billy club in his hand. I do not know if he was the officer who struck me, but he was the only one with a club nearby. I was only struck once. I do not know this officers name and I cannot describe him other than that he was a white man and tall. I got back on my feet and walked off. My wrist was hurting me where I had been struck so I went the same day to see [redacted] who has an office on Farish St., Jackson. He examined my arm and wrapped it up. He told me I should have an X-Ray made but I haven't had the X-Ray yet."

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"I have Read the above Statement and it is True and Correct."

" /s/ Willis Randall Wrenn

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 by SA [redacted] and [redacted]

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"Witnessed:

" /s /

Orleans, La., Special Agent, FBI, New

" /s/

**Special Agent, FBI, New Orleans, La., 4/3/61.**

The following description of WRENN was obtained through observation and interview:

Race:

## Negro

Sex:

Major

81

March 12, 1880

Date of birth:

## Yazoo County, Mississippi

517

**145 pounds**

**Gray**

Brown

Medium brown

Sells weekly papers  
Bixweld

## **DIVORCED**

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Son:

## Mississippi

age

**Military service:**

## Mississippi

## **Education:**

**None**

**Previous arrests:**

## Tenth grade

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(b)(7)(C) [REDACTED] Jackson, and Mr. W. R. WRENN, 1523 Valley Street, Jackson, had information they desired to furnish the FBI in this matter. He said WRENN would be at the Jackson Resident Agency on April 3, 1961, for interview.

On 4/1/61 at Jackson, Mississippi File # NO 44-1250

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[REDACTED] did not contact the Jackson Resident Agency either in person or by phone and SA [REDACTED] telephonically attempted to contact Mr. EVERE but learned through his secretary that he was out of the city and not expected to return until the end of the week. She was informed of the fact that arrangements had been made by Mr. EVERE for [REDACTED] to contact the FBI and that [REDACTED] had not done so.

The secretary stated that she would attempt to get work to [REDACTED] and request him to contact SA [REDACTED] to arrange a future time for the interview.

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To: SAC, New Orleans (44-1250)

From: Director, FBI

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Officers, Jackson, Mississippi  
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CIVIL RIGHTS

ReNOrep 4/12/61.

Attached are two copies of a self-explanatory memorandum from the Civil Rights Division dated 4/17/61.

You should conduct the investigation requested making certain you advise all persons contacted that this investigation is being made at the specific request of Mr. Burke Marshall, Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights Division, U. S. Department of Justice. Once again you should notify appropriate officials at the outset.

Complete and surep within ten days of receipt of this airtel and include statement therein that this is a limited investigation.

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NOTE:

On 3/27/61 nine Negro students were arrested by local authorities, Jackson, Miss., for staging a sit-in demonstration at the public library for whites in Jackson. Their trial was held 3/29/61 at which time a large group of Negroes and whites assembled outside the courthouse. Police broke up the mob which accumulated and Medgar Evers, NAACP official, alleged police treated Negroes brutally in connection with dispersing the mob. Department has requested additional investigation consisting of interviews with 10 individuals having pertinent information re dispersal of this mob. Department also requests a review of film taken by [REDACTED] which purportedly shows pertinent action by police.

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## 100 Negroes Chased From Courthouse

### Nine Students Are Convicted in First Mississippi Sit-In

JACKSON, Miss., March 29 (UPI)—Club swinging police and two vicious German Shepherd dogs today chased more than 100 Negroes from a courthouse where nine Negro students were convicted for staging Mississippi's first sit-in demonstration.

Several of the Negroes were struck by the clubs and at least one person was bitten by the police dogs, held on leashes by two officers.

State NAACP field representative Medgar Evers, one of those hit by police, said "women and children in the group were beaten unmercifully."

The incident occurred shortly before trial of the students under a 1960 law making it a misdemeanor to refuse an officer's order to disperse. The nine Negroes, arrested Monday when they refused to leave a public library, were fined \$100 each and given suspended 30-day jail sentences.

#### "MOVE 'EM OUT"

One side of the municipal court room had been reserved for Negroes and it was filled 40 minutes before the trial began. Fourteen officers and the two dogs lined the front steps of the courthouse and turned away other Negroes who tried to enter. Separate groups of Negroes and white formed across the street.

Shortly before court convened, the Negroes began clapping their hands and an officer yelled, "move 'em out."

Police, swinging night-sticks, and the dogs waded into the scattering Negroes.

Officers then returned to the courthouse steps and asked the crowd of white persons—totalling about 70—to disperse. Traffic in front of the building was blocked and officers ordered bystanders to move on as the trial was conducted.

City Attorney Jack Travis put two prosecution witnesses on the stand, both veteran police officers, Lt. J. L. Ray and Lt. C. R. Wil-

## 100 Negroes Chased From Courthouse

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son each testified they were called to the library Monday and saw the nine defendants there. They testified the youths refused orders to leave.

Both officers also expressed the opinion that the presence of the defendants in the library constituted a breach of the peace.

As the trial began, Thomas Armstrong, a Negro free-lance photographer, was stopped in front of the building by officers. "It's full up, uncle. Let's move along," an officer said.

Officers nudged him away with night sticks and as he walked down the sidewalk one policeman followed him. Armstrong mumbled something to the officer, who began chasing him.

A white man joined the chase, pulled a revolver, and began beating Armstrong on the head and shoulder. The Negro was taken to a doctor, bleeding. After the incident a Hinds County deputy sheriff gave the man directions in backing his car from a parking lot.

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## Probe Charges Of Negroes On Jackson Police

JACKSON, Miss. (AP) — FBI agents today continued their investigation of Negro charges of police brutality in Mississippi's capital city.

### CONDUCT INQUIRY

At New Orleans, FBI headquarters said agents were conducting a preliminary inquiry at the request of the Justice Department's civil rights division.

National Association for the Advancement of Colored People leaders have protested police tactics used in breaking up a demonstration Wednesday. It was the first major racial incident in the state. Policemen used clubs and trained dogs to scatter the Negroes in front of the courtroom where nine Negro college students were tried and convicted for a sit-in at a Jackson public library reserved for whites.

Meanwhile in Washington, the Justice Department said it had received "assurances from responsible leaders in Jackson that no unnecessary force will be used."

### LEADER SPEAKS

Thursday night, Dr. Aaron Henry, president of the NAACP branches in Mississippi, told about 800 persons attending a mass meeting that he had wired President Kennedy to "halt this savage attack on Negro people in Mississippi."

Henry said Mississippi Negroes have been handed a "good do-it yourself kit" in the struggle for human dignity.

Another Negro leader, the Rev. John D. Mangram called for no violence by Negroes seeking equal rights.

"All the things which our white friends do to us cannot prevent the forces that have been unleashed in this city and state," the minister said.

"Even though we be struck dead, we will not strike back. We must face what we have experienced and in a measure accept it. We must not become embittered at our white friends who have not the spiritual maturity we thought they had."

Clarence Mitchell, director of the Washington bureau of the NAACP, promised stronger civil rights action by the federal government.

"If Mississippi is to continue to let the eagle on the American dollar from Washington they had better get rid of Jim Crow," Mitchell said.

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# U.S. Probing Violence in Mississippi

(Courier Press Service)

JACKSON, Miss.—Burke Marshall, Attorney General Robert Kennedy's top assistant for civil rights, said the Justice Department was investigating reports of police assaults on Negro demonstrators, and said the FBI is checking the situation.

Mississippi state NAACP Secretary Edgar Evers said: "The law enforcement officials themselves are committing the violence against Negro citizens."

Ordering an immediate investigation, Marshall said: "I have Mr. Evers' story. I'm trying to find out if it's true. If it is, it's a disgrace. I may say, though, that I've been told by local authorities that the instructions to the police were not to use force."

**THE ATTACK** on Negro demonstrators took place when they demonstrated in peaceful protest of the jailing of nine Negro students who staged a "read-in" at the library.

As the nine students, all of them from Tougaloo Southern Christian College were put on trial, some 100 Negroes gathered quietly outside the court house trying to gain admittance. Approximately the same number of whites faced the Negroes on the other side of the court house steps. Then the nine defendants, who had been free on \$1,000 bail, started up the steps of the building, which carries the inscription . . . "for the people to secure to them liberty and justice under the law."

"Someone in the crowd began to applaud them," Evers said. It was then that the police chief ordered the attack.

**CITY JUDGE** James L. Spencer imposed fines of \$100 each and suspended 30-day jail sentences on the police students. Monday night, before the trial on March 29, police used clubs and

dogs to chase a group of Negroes from in front of the court house.

The nine students are Alfred Lee Cook, 23, Flint, Mich.; Evelyn Pierce, 19, Buffalo, N.Y.; Janice L. Jackson, 21, Clarkdale, Miss.; Joseph Jackson Jr., 23, Memphis; Ethel Sawyer, 20, Memphis; Geraldine Edwards, 19, Natchez; James C. Bradford, 18, Memphis; Merleith Coleman Anding Jr., 19, Jackson, and Alfred Earl Lester, 19, Vicksburg.

**JUDGE SPENCER** found the group guilty of disturbing the peace by sitting in a white library. Their attorneys, R. Jess Brown and Jack H. Young, said they would appeal to the Hinds County Court.

The nine students allegedly filed quietly into the main municipal library shortly after 11 A.M. Monday, March 28. Part of them began checking cards in the reference files while others sat at nearby reading desks. White library patrons continued to read or check books and paid no attention to the Negro students.

Police led by Chief of Detectives M. B. Pierce arrived at the library, however, the Negro students remained apparently engrossed in reading books or checking card files.

Pierce, according to reports, asked one of the girl students, who had a tear on her cheek, to

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repelled there was no leader.

The nine students were told by Pierce, "All right, everyone of you get up and get out of here. You're going to have to move along. The colored library is on Mill Street."

WHEN THEY failed to leave, Pierce told the students they were under arrest. The students arose and walked in silence to two police cars which were waiting outside.

The students were booked under a 1960 state law against refusing to disperse when ordered to do so by a law enforcement officer. The law carries a maximum penalty of a \$200 fine and four months in jail. It is one of a package of segregation laws passed in the 1960 Legislature.

The incident outside the court led the NAACP to send a telegram to the Governor of Mississippi stating that the policemen in Jackson were not "protectors but attackers." The telegram said also: "Call off the dogs—Slavery is over!"

Roy Wilkins, executive NAACP secretary, said in his telegram

to Gov. Ross Barnett that a minister was bitten on the arm by a police dog, and others, including NAACP State Secretary Medgar Evers, were cursed and clubbed by police.

"We demand that you provide protection for citizens and particularly for Secretary Evers," Wilkins' telegram concluded.

# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Reporting Office <b>NEW ORLEANS</b>	Office of Origin <b>NEW ORLEANS</b>	Date <b>4/28/61</b>	Investigative Period <b>4/21-25/61</b>
TITLE OF CASE <b>CHANGED: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS, Officers of Jackson, Mississippi Police Department;</b>		Report made by [REDACTED]	
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The title of this case has been marked changed to show the name of victim [REDACTED] and to add victims [REDACTED]

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

All persons interviewed were advised that this investigation was being conducted at the specific request of Mr. BURKE MARSHALL, Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights Division, U. S. Department of Justice.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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SA [REDACTED]  
4/28/61

Office: NEW ORLEANS

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CHARACTER: CIVIL RIGHTS

SYNOPSIS:

Title is changed to add additional victims.

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[REDACTED] Descriptions of additional victims set out.

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DETAILS:

This limited investigation was instituted on the basis of a request made of the Federal Bureau of Investigation by Mr. BURKE MARSHALL, Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights Division, U. S. Department of Justice.

AT JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI

(b)(7)(C) On April 21, 1961, SA [REDACTED] and SA [REDACTED] advised [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] that an investigation was being instituted in this matter.

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 4/28/61

Reverend SAM P. JOHNSON, Canton, Mississippi, furnished the following statement in connection with events he witnessed on March 29, 1961, at Jackson, Mississippi:

"Jackson, Miss  
"April 25, 1961

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"I, Sam P. Johnson, voluntarily furnish [redacted] and [redacted] who have identified themselves to me as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the following statement.

"I am 75 years of age and am pastor of Chenograve Baptist Church, Highway 49 North, Jackson, Miss. I reside at Canton, Miss.

"On Wednesday, March 29, 1961, I left my home with Simon Johnson & we drove to Jackson, Miss. to observe proceedings against several Tougaloo Southern Christian College students who had "sat-in" at the Jackson Municipal library on 3/27/61.

"When I arrived in the area of the Court house, I observed many police. We walked along side the court house building and were told to cross the street and join a group of Negroes which had congregated on the North side of Pascagoula St., across from the court house. There was also a group of white people on the same street, but they were located at the east end of the block while the Negro group was on the west end of the street.

"Suddenly, before the students who were defendants entered the court building, some of the Negroes began to applaud. At that point, policemen came across the street to the area of the street where the Negro group was. They were led by two dogs on leashes. The police were swinging their night sticks and the dogs were nipping at people.

On 4/25/61 at Jackson, Mississippi File # NO 44-1250

(b)(1)(C) by SA [redacted] and SA [redacted]

Date dictated 4/25/61

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"I did not see the dogs bite anyone, but I did see [REDACTED] get hit by a policeman with a night stick. He was being hit on the head but the blows were not of such force as to be intended to hurt him. They were rather the type of blow used to get someone to run away from you. The blows did not knock [REDACTED] down.

"As I saw [REDACTED] being hit, I ran from the area.

"I was not hit in any way nor was I attacked by the dogs.

"I then felt bad because of the fright I had experienced so I went to the office of [REDACTED] of Jackson, who has been my family physician for many years. [REDACTED] examined me and prescribed something for me stating I would feel better with a little rest.

"When I got to the Doctor's office I saw a Negro photographer, [REDACTED] who had blood on his clothes and he was treated by the Doctor. I also saw [REDACTED] at [REDACTED] office, who said that one of the dogs bit him, and he was likewise treated.

"I have read this statement and it is true."

"/s/ Sam P. Johnson

"Witnessed

"/s/ [REDACTED], Special Agent, FBI, New Orleans, 4/25/61

"/s/ [REDACTED], Special Agent, FBI, New Orleans, La.

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# Memorandum

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (44-17340)

DATE: 5/9/61

FROM : SAC, NEW ORLEANS (44-1250)

SUBJECT: UNSUBS, Officers of  
Jackson, Mississippi,  
Police Department:

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(b)(7)(C) Rerep SA [REDACTED], 4/28/61, at New Orleans.

(b)(7)(D) During the first reading of rerep by SA [REDACTED], the following corrections are indicated in rerep:

(b)(7)(C) (b)(7)(D) Page 28, in line 11, following the signed statement of [REDACTED] the words [REDACTED] should be changed to [REDACTED]"

Page 31, in line 8 of Item 6, [REDACTED] initials should be changed to [REDACTED]

There are enclosed two copies of corrected Page 34 of rerep.

Errors scored.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 5/9/61

FROM : SAC, NEW ORLEANS (44-1250)

SUBJECT: UNSUBS, Officers of Jackson, Miss.  
Police Department

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(b)(7)(C) Rerep SA [REDACTED] 4/28/61, New Orleans.

FD 302 of [REDACTED] page 38 of rerep reflects  
that interviewing agent was SA [REDACTED]. This  
is to advise that SAs [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] were interviewing agents in this interview.  
Original FD 302 is corrected together with copies of rerep  
in New Orleans possession. Bureau is requested to correct  
copies of rerep.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION/PRIVACY ACTS SECTION

**SUBJECT: MEDGAR EDGARS**

**FILE NUMBER: CROSS REFERENCES**

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To: SAC, Jackson  
From: Director, FBI

UNSUB; DESTRUCTION OF PUBLIC NOTICE  
FEDERAL EXAMINERS OFFICE  
LEFLORE COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI,  
11/6/65  
CIVIL RIGHTS - ELECTION LAWS  
VOTING RIGHTS ACT OF 1965

D.M.

Enclosed herewith is a copy of a self-explanatory memorandum from the Department dated 11/9/65, indicating Department in receipt of information that a sign outside the office of the Federal Examiners notifying the public that the office would be open on Saturday had been torn into pieces sometime on the afternoon of 11/6/65.

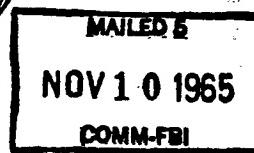
Immediately conduct the investigation requested by the Department. Advise all persons contacted that investigation is being conducted at the specific request of AAG John Doar, CRD, USDJ.

The evidence mentioned herein should be furnished to the Bureau for appropriate fingerprinting examination. You should also determine during the investigation whether the U. S. Post Office which houses the Federal Office in Greenwood, Mississippi, is under jurisdiction of the Federal Government as well as determine if the sign which was allegedly torn was Government property as a possible Crime Against Government Reservation and/or Destruction of Government Property violation may exist.

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Surep within seven days of receipt of this communication.

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NOTE: By memorandum dated 11/9/65, Department advised receipt of information that a sign outside the Federal Examiners Office, Greenwood, Miss., was torn into pieces. Byron De La Beckwith who is still under state indictment for the slaying of Medgar Evers, Miss. NAACP leader in June, 1963, is a suspect in this case. He has been tried on two occasions both resulting in hung juries. As the Federal Examiners Office is in the U. S. Post Office and the sign may be considered as Government property, a CGR and DGP violation as well as VRA of 1965, Section 11(b) (forbids interference with Federal Examiners) violation may exist.

11/10/65

**GENERAL INVESTIGAT E DIVISION**

Federal Examiners have been assigned to Leflore County, Mississippi since August 10, 1965. Section 11(b) of the Voting Rights Act of 1965 forbids interference with Federal Examiners.

Byron De La Beckwith is still under state indictment for the slaying of Medgar Evers, Mississippi National Association for the Advancement of Colored People Field Secretary in June, 1963. He has been tried on two occasions both resulting in hung juries. Investigation being ordered.

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Date: 2/28/64

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Via AIRTEL

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM: SAC, ALBUQUERQUE (100-New) (RUC)  
RE: (b)(D)(C) [REDACTED] MEMORIAL  
FUND OF FAMILY OF MEDGAR EVERESES  
MISCELLANEOUS, INFORMATION CONCERNING  
(INTERNAL SECURITY) (b)(D)(C)

There are attached for the Bureau five copies of letterhead memorandum entitled as above and one copy each for New Orleans and Salt Lake City.

This memorandum is classified confidential in order to protect the identity of an active security informant and to protect the manner in which the information was obtained.

For the information of the Bureau and offices,

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Approved:

Special Agent in Charge

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO

DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 3/12/64

FROM

SAC, SALT LAKE CITY (157-0-133d)

SUBJECT:

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FUND OF FAMILY OF MEDGAR EVERESES  
MISCELLANEOUS, INFORMATION CONCERNING  
(INTERNAL SECURITY)

Re Albuquerque airtel to Bureau, 2/28/64.

This airtel referred to a [REDACTED]  
pertaining to the subject. [REDACTED]

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A characterization of the [REDACTED]  
attached to this letter. (c) [REDACTED]

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A characterization of the Utah Council for  
Constitutional Liberties is attached hereto.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

**Memorandum**

TO :

Mr. Belmonte

FROM :

A. Rosen

SUBJECT:

UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;  
 MEDGAR EVERE, COMPLAINANT  
 UNAUTHORIZED PUBLICATION OR  
 USE OF COMMUNICATION

DATE: June 6, 1963

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ACTION

SAC Maynor of the New Orleans Office who is currently in Jackson, Mississippi, has been instructed to interview [REDACTED] Evers and furnish the Bureau full details by teletype.

- 1 - Mr. Mohr
- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Evans

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TO SAC NEW ORLEANS  
FROM DIRECTOR FBI

UNSUB; MEDGAR EVERE, COMPLAINANT, UPDC.

REBU CALL TO SAC MAYNOR AT JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI THIS  
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BY RETURN TELETYPE SUTEL RESULTS OF INTERVIEW WITH  
EVERS.

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TO SAC NEW ORLEANS

FROM DIRECTOR FBI

UNSUB; MEDGAR EVERE DASH COMPLAINANT. UPMIC.

REURTEL'S JUNE SIX LAST.

IF NOT ALREADY DONE BY TELEPHONE COMPANY, THROUGH YOUR APPROPRIATE SOURCES REQUEST COMPANY TO CHECK EVERE'S TELEPHONE LINES AND IF THERE IS ANY EVIDENCE OF A CURRENT OR RECENT TAP HAVING BEEN PLACED ON THE LINES, CONDUCT PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATION. REQUEST TELEPHONE COMPANY TO LEAVE ANY EVIDENCE OF CURRENT TAP ON THE LINES AND IMMEDIATELY ADVISE EVERE OF THE EXISTENCE OF THIS TAP.

SUTEL RESULTS OF CONTACT WITH TELEPHONE COMPANY AND INDICATE ACTION BEING TAKEN. IF PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED, HANDLE PURSUANT TO MANUAL OF INSTRUCTIONS, SECTION ONE ONE THREE, AND CONDUCT SUFFICIENT INVESTIGATION TO ROUND OUT FACTS OF COMPLAINT. IF PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED, SUREP BY JUNE THIRTEEN NEXT.

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NOTE:

[REDACTED] Evers was interviewed and he had no specific evidence of UPUTC violation. Claimed he has had static and other noises on line which he felt indicated someone was intercepting calls. Evers advised some of his phones are being repaired for malfunctioning by telephone company possibly today. Results of interview with Evers [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] was furnished to HANIF SIMPLIO, Section Chief, and JADON BOWLES, both Criminal Division, and [REDACTED] This request is being confirmed in writing to ALICE MILLER, Criminal Division.

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Airtel

To: SAC, New Orleans  
From: Director, FBI  
UNSUB  
MARTIN LUTHER KING - COMPLAINANT  
UPDC

Airtel 6/8/63.

Department requests you advise Mr. Evers of the results of the check of pertinent lines by the telephone company.

Conduct no further investigation of this matter.

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TITLE OF CASE  UNKNOWN SUBJECT; MEDGAR EVEREWS - COMPLAINANT		REPORT MADE BY SA [REDACTED]	(b)(7)(C) TYPED
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Date:

SA [REDACTED]

June 12, 1963

Office: NEW ORLEANS

Field Office File No. 139-93

Bureau File No.:

Title:

UNKNOWN SUBJECT,  
MEDGAR EVERES - COMPLAINANT

Character:

**UNAUTHORIZED PUBLICATION OR USE OF COMMUNICATIONS**

Synopsis:

MEDGAR EVERES, Field Secretary, NAACP, Jackson, Miss., suspicions that his office and home phones are being tapped date back three or four years. Suspicions aroused due to unusual amount of static, a feeling as if he were listening in a vacuum, unusual noises, muted voices and a hollow sound as if someone were listening. On one occasion after completing call from NAACP phone attempted second call and reached Jackson telephone company operator who evidently was on line. EVERES recalls no specific instances where conversations he has had over the phones been disseminated to unauthorized persons. Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company, Jackson, Miss. checked all four telephone lines, found no foreign attachments or any evidence of tap.

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**DETAILS:**

New Orleans investigation is predicated on Bureau telephone call to SAC H. G. MAYNOR, Jackson, Mississippi, on June 6, 1963, requesting that MEDGAR EVERES, Field Secretary, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), Jackson, Mississippi, be interviewed for details concerning a possible UPUC violation.

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Date June 7, 1963

MEDGAR EVERE, Field Secretary, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), Jackson, Mississippi, furnished the following information:

EVERS' suspicions that his office and home phones are being tapped date back to three or four years ago. These suspicions were aroused because of unusual amount of static on telephone lines and a feeling as if he were listening in a vacuum. This trouble was reported to the local telephone company sometime ago by EVERE but same situation has continued. EVERE feels the three phones at the NAACP office and his home phone are presently tapped. This feeling is based on unusual noises on the telephone lines, exceptional amount of static, muted voices and a hollow sound as if someone were listening. The NAACP office phones are FL 36906, FL 38452 and 3554051. EVERE's home phone is 3623020.

About May 27, 1963, EVERE was in downtown Jackson and dialed one of his office phone numbers, exact number not recalled, and reached a local telephone operator who told EVERE that he had dialed a non-working number. EVERE told the operator that the number he dialed was his office phone number, that he had paid the telephone bills and there was no reason why it should not be working. Immediately after discontinuing conversation with the operator, EVERE again dialed this number and was connected.

On June 5, 1963, EVERE made a telephone call from one of his office phones but does not recall which phone was used. He does not recall with whom he was talking nor the topic of conversation. After terminating this conversation, he immediately picked up the phone to dial again and thinking there was someone on the phone because there was no dial tone said, "Hello, hello," and was answered by a female operator who identified herself as being with the Jackson telephone company. The operator asked EVERE from which number he was calling and hung up.

On 6/6/63 at Jackson, Mississippi File # NO 139-93

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SA [REDACTED]

Date dictated 6/7/63

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EVERS has made no recent complaint to the Jackson telephone company except to report service difficulty on June 3, 1963, which has not been repaired. EVERES explained that two of his office phones function properly on incoming calls but do not function properly when making outside calls. He expects these phones to be repaired on June 7, 1963.

(b)(7)(C) EVERES recalls no specific instances where conversations he has had over the phones have been disseminated to unauthorized persons. EVERES has no detailed information concerning instances involving other NAACP personnel but has heard general comments made concerning instances surrounding experiences of [REDACTED] and others connected with the NAACP.

Mr. EVERES furnished the following information concerning the present whereabouts of persons who might possibly have information concerning phones being tapped at NAACP headquarters:

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[REDACTED] presently will be located at Jackson, Mississippi.

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[REDACTED] arrive in Jackson, Mississippi, [REDACTED], will be located at NAACP headquarters. [REDACTED] and can be located at NAACP headquarters.

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[REDACTED] Mississippi, and can be located at NAACP headquarters. [REDACTED] is in Jackson, Mississippi, and can be located at NAACP headquarters.

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[REDACTED] can be located at [REDACTED] Jackson, Mississippi.

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[REDACTED] can be located through NAACP headquarters, Jackson, Mississippi.

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[REDACTED] presently can be located through NAACP headquarters, Washington, D. C., Washington, D. C.

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Date June 12, 1963

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Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company advised that he had checked three telephone lines at the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) Office and one telephone at the residence of MEDGAR EVERE. He stated that he had found no foreign attachments, no evidence that there had been any foreign attachments in the past and found no wire or other evidence of a tap on the binding post.

On 6/8/63 at Jackson, Mississippi File # 139-93  
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Mr. Belmont  
Mr. Mohr  
Mr. Casper  
Mr. Callahan  
Mr. Conrad  
Mr. DeLoach  
Mr. Evans  
Mr. Gale  
Mr. Rosen  
Mr. Sullivan  
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TO DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM SAC, NEW ORLEANS /139-NEW/ 4 P

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UNSUB / MEDGAR EVERE, COMPLAINTANT, UPUC.

REBUTELCALL AND BUTEL TODAY.

REPEATED EFFORTS TO LOCATE AND INTERVIEW MEDGAR EVERE,  
NAACP, JACKSON, MISS., MADE TODAY WITH NO SUCCESS. ON EACH  
OCCASION MESSAGE LEFT FOR EVERE BUT NO RESPONSE RECEIVED.

POSSIBLE EVERE AND OTHER NAACP OFFICIALS INVOLVED IN CONFERENCE  
RELATING TO LOCAL INJUNCTION OBTAINED TODAY BY CITY OF JACKSON  
AGAINST NAACP AND OTHERS PROHIBITING DEMONSTRATIONS, PARADES,  
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EFFORTS CONTINUING TO CONTACT MEDGAR EVERE AND BUREAU  
WILL BE ADVISED OF FURTHER DETAILS.

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8-03 PM OK FBI WA JDS

J-N. Bowles cannot  
be advised in writing  
a/7/63 [REDACTED]

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6-6-63 9-25 PM

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URGENT 6-6-63 9-26 PM CST TJB

TO DIRECTOR FBI

FROM SAC NEW ORLEANS /139-NEW/

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UNSUB, MEDGAR EVERE, COMPLAINTANT, ~~Use of Communications~~

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RE NEW ORLEANS TEL TO BUREAU TODAY.

MEDGAR EVERE, FIELD SECRETARY NAACP, JACKSON INTERVIEWED AT APPROXIMATELY FIVE PM CST JUNE SIX, SIXTYTHREE AND FURNISHED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION---

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EVERS SUSPICIONS THAT HIS OFFICE AND HOME PHONES ARE BEING TAPPED DATE BACK TO THREE TO FOUR YEARS AGO. THESE SUSPICIONS WERE

AROSED BECAUSE OF UNUSUAL AMOUNT OF STATIC ON TELEPHONE LINES AND A FEELING AS IF HE WAS LISTENING IN A VACUUM. THIS TROUBLE

WAS REPORTED TO THE LOCAL TELEPHONE COMPANY SOMETIME AGO BY EVERE BUT THE SAME SITUATION HAS CONTINUED. EVERE FEELS THE THREE

PHONES AT THE NAACP OFFICE AND HIS HOME PHNE ARE PRESENTLY TAPPED. THIS FEELING IS BASED ON UNUSUAL NOISES ON PHONE LINES AND AN

EXCEPTIONAL AMOUNT OF STATIC, MUTTED VOICES AND HOLLOW SOUND AS IF SOMEONE WERE LISTENING. E 27 1127 820 139-1768-8

ABOUT MAY TWENTYSEVEN NINETEEN SIXTY THREE EVERE WAS IN DOWNTOWN JACKSON AND DIALED ONE OF HIS OFFICE PHONE NUMBERS, 6 JUN 1963 13 JUN 13 1963  
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EXACT NUMBER NOT RECALLED AND REACHED A LOCAL TELEPHONE OPERATOR WHO TOLD EVERS HE HAD DIALED A NON WORKING NUMBER, EVERSON TOLD OPERATOR THAT THE NUMBER HE DIALED WAS HIS OFFICE PHONE NUMBER, THAT HE HAD PAID THE PHONE BILL AND THERE WAS NO REASON WHY IT SHOULD NOT BE WORKING. IMMEDIATELY AFTER DISCONTINUING CONVERSATION WITH OPERATOR, EVERSON AGAIN DIALED THIS NUMBER AND WAS CONNECTED.

ON JUNE FIVE NINETEEN SIXTYTHREE EVERSON MADE A TELEPHONE CALL FROM ONE OF HIS OFFICE PHONES BUT DOES NOT RECALL WHICH PHONE WAS USED. HE DOES NOT RECALL WITH WHOM HE WAS TALKING NOR WHAT WAS TOPIC OF CONVERSATION, AFTER TERMINATING THIS CONVERSATION HE IMMEDIATELY PICKED UP TELEPHONE TO DIAL AGAIN AND THINKING THERE WAS SOMEONE ON THE PHONE BECAUSE THERE WAS NO DIAL TONE, SAID HELLO, HELLO AND WAS ANSWERED BY A FEMALE OPERATOR WHO IDENTIFIED HERSELF AS BEING WITH JACKSON TELEPHONE COMPANY. THE OPERATOR ASKED EVERSON FROM WHICH NUMBER HE WAS CALLING AND BEFORE HE COULD ANSWER SHE HUNG UP.

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EVERS HAS MADE NO RECENT COMPLAINT TO JACKSON PHONE COMPANY EXCEPT TO REPORT SERVICE DIFFICULTY ON JUNE SIX, SIXTYTHREE, WHICH HAS NOT BEEN REPAIRED. EVERES EXPLAINED THAT TWO OF HIS PHONES FUNCTION PROPERLY ON INCOMMING CALLS BUT DO NOT FUNCTION PROPERLY ON MAKING OUTGOING CALLS. EXPECTS REPAIRS TO BE MADE JUNE SEVEN NEXT. EVERES RECALLS NO SPECIFIC INSTANCES WHERE CONVERSATION HE HAS HAD OVER THE TELEPHONE HAS BEEN DISSEMINATED TO UNAUTHORIZED PERSONS. EVERES STATES HAS NO DETAILED INFORMATION CONCERNING INSTANCES INVOLVING THE NAACP PERSONNEL BUT HAS HEARD GENERAL COMMENTS MADE CONCERNING INCIDENTS SURROUNDING EXPERIENCES OF [REDACTED] AND OTHERS MENTIONED IN REF NEW ORLEANS TEL. (b)(1)(C)

NO FURTHER INVESTIGATION BEING CONDUCTED BY NEW ORLEANS. CLOSING REPORT BEING SUBMITTED TO REACH BUREAU JUNE TEN SIXTYTHREE.

~~CORRECTIONS PAGE ONE PARK LINE SIX WOULD SHOT FEELS~~

~~LINE SEVEN EIGHT NINE SHOULD READ PHONE~~

END AND ACK PLS.

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TB CLR

Furnished J. W. Bonds  
Counselor in writing 6/7/63  
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Evars was previously interviewed [REDACTED] and offered no [REDACTED] substantial basis for allegation. At request of Department, telephone company was requested to check lines.

Criminal Division being telephonically advised and information will be furnished in writing to Assistant Attorney General Herbert J. Miller, Jr.

*BS*

SA Mc Donough  
advised 6 PM  
6/8/63

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PM CST JM

TO, DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM, SAC, NEW ORLEANS /139-931/ 1P

UNKNOWN SUBJECT, MEDGAR EVARS - COMPLAINANT. U.P.U.C.

RE BUREAU TELETYPE, JUNE SEVEN, LAST.

TELEPHONE COMPANY CONTACTED AND WILL MAKE CHECK OF FOUR  
PERTINENT TELEPHONE LINES STARTING MORNING, JUNE EIGHT. CAN

FURNISH NO ESTIMATE OF TIME THIS CHECK WILL TAKE.

BUREAU WILL BE FURTHER ADVISED.

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Closing report follows.

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REPORTING OFFICE <b>NEW ORLEANS</b>	OFFICE OF ORIGIN <b>NEW ORLEANS</b>	4-22
TITLE OF CASE  <b>UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; [REDACTED]</b> <b>Medgar Evers - VICTIM; [REDACTED] (b)(7)(C)</b>	DATE <b>4/15/63</b>	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD <b>4/11/63</b>
REPORT MADE BY  <b>SA [REDACTED]</b>	TYPED BY  <b>(b)(7)(C)</b>	
CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>CR</b>	<i>[Handwritten signatures and initials: AJ, 3, 5]</i>	

REFERENCE

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New Orleans airtel to Bureau, dated 4/11/63.

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Report of: SA [REDACTED]  
Date: April 15, 1963 Office: NEW ORLEANS

Field Office File No.: 44-1743

Title: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS. (b)(7)(C)  
[REDACTED] - VICTIM  
Medgar Evers - VICTIM

Character: CIVIL RIGHTS

Synopsis:

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(b)(7)(C) NO 44-1743 [REDACTED]

DETAILS:

AT BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA

(b)(7)(C) This matter is predicated upon a complaint by [REDACTED] Louisiana, details of which are set forth subsequently in this report.

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(b)(7)(C) NO 44-1743 [REDACTED]

The following description and background information was obtained during the course of this interview:

NAME:  
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EMPLOYMENT: (b)(7)(C)

RESIDENCE: [REDACTED]

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RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;  
JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI POLICE  
OFFICERS, LICENSE [REDACTED],  
MEDGAR EVERS - VICTIM  
(b)(7)(C) CR

At 3:35 p.m., 6/11/63, MEDGAR EVERS, Field Secretary, NAACP, telephonically advised that sometime between 4:00 and 5:00 p.m., 6/8/63, he was almost hit by a Jackson, Mississippi police car.

EVERS said he was walking east on Lynch Street and started to cross Franklin Street. At the time, a Jackson, Mississippi police car containing two officers was headed east on Lynch Street. This car had slowed down, stopped and was starting to back into Franklin Street, apparently to turn around. EVERES said that when officers saw him start across Franklin Street, the driver of the police car accelerated causing the speed of the car to increase and EVERES had to jump back on to the curb of Franklin Street to keep from being struck by the police vehicle. EVERES said the officers laughed about this. According to EVERES this police car bore license [REDACTED]

EVERS also advised that on 6/11/63 he was followed by police vehicle wherever he happened to go in Jackson, Miss.

EVERS was informed the above information would be furnished to the Civil Rights Division of the U. S. Department of Justice.

No investigation being conducted. Closing report

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REPORTING OFFICE NEW ORLEANS	OFFICE OF ORIGIN NEW ORLEANS	DATE 6/12/63	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 6/11/63
TITLE OF CASE  UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI POLICE OFFICERS, LICENSE [REDACTED] MEDGAR EVERE - VICTIM (b)(7)(c)		REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED]	TYPED BY (b)(7)(c) [REDACTED]
		CHARACTER OF CASE  CIVIL RIGHTS	

REFERENCE:

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**Report of:** SA [REDACTED] (b)(7)(C)  
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**Office:** New Orleans

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**Title:** UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;  
JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI POLICE  
OFFICERS, LICENSE [REDACTED] (b)(7)(C)  
MEDGAR EVERS - VICTIM

**Character:** CIVIL RIGHTS

**Synopsis:**

On 6/11/63, MEDGAR EVERS, Field Secretary, NAACP, Jackson, Mississippi, advised that between 4:00 and 5:00 p.m., 6/8/63, he started to cross the street on Franklin Street and had to jump back on the curb of the street to keep from being hit by a police vehicle; that this police car bore license [REDACTED] EVERS further stated that he was followed by police vehicle wherever he happened to go in Jackson on 6/11/63.

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**Details:**

The following information was received telephonically at 3:35 p.m. on June 11, 1963 from Mr. MEDGAR EVERE, Field Secretary, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), Jackson, Mississippi:

Date 6/12/63

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On 6/11/63 at Jackson, Mississippi File # NO 44-1794  
by SAC H. G. MAYNOR (b)(7)(C) Date dictated 6/11/63

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